Reviewer’s report

Title: The current state of basic ICT adoption and use by general practitioners. An analysis of primary care systems in 31 European countries.

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General comments:
This is a very useful review of primary care computing in Europe, based on an analysis of survey results. I believe it covers more individual countries than other published comparisons and it provides a useful level of detail. The literature review is comprehensive and well thought through and the discussion is suitably thoughtful and informative. While the policy and health systems context is well discussed, a few additional recommendations for EU investment in the 'laggard' states might be useful. As noted below, I feel that the introduction would be helped by a short explanation of why a new survey of this type is needed in light of other recent published analyses.

Major compulsory revisions:
None

Minor essential revisions:
There are a few typographical errors and sentences that have not perfectly translated but none of these are major problems and should be easily spotted and dealt with by the editorial team (I reviewed the document without the facility for editing)

Discretionary revisions:
In the introduction it would be useful to have a little more explanation of how this study differs from the previous surveys and analyses of primary care computing in Europe which the authors have cited (e.g. the Empirica study). This will help to emphasise the need for these new data and analyses.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests