Reviewer’s report

Title: Are family physicians comprehensively using electronic medical records?: A Canadian Perspective

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Reviewer: Valentina Lichtner

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the revised version of this paper. I have read the paper as new, without reference to the previous version.

In my view the manuscript is brief but essential. It makes clear methodological contributions. Among these the distinction between practice-style (i.e. context specific) independent and dependent fields and the identification of benchmarks for completeness. These can be useful constructs for further research.

Also your study illustrates how both physician and patient time on EMR influences data completeness, and this may be useful information for planning evaluations.

I found interesting that some fields of the EMR do not often get used, even after years of implementation (e.g. risk factors). It made me wonder whether this says something about the practice of medicine, rather than the practice of EMR use. This might be something for further research.

Minor changes: I noted a typo at line 133 (data were extracted…) ; lines 137-138: I do not understand the first sentence, (in the context of the limitations?) – you may wish to rephrase?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests