Reviewer's report

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No Major Compulsory Revisions

Minor Essential Revisions
(1) Use the term “patient satisfaction” instead of “patient satisfactory” optionally.
(2) Use the term “with” instead of “for” at page 7, number 5 optionally.
(3) Use “p” (lower case) instead of “P” at page 9, number 8.
(4) There is a missing word at page 11, number 1. ("some diabetes and asthma...")

No Discretionary Revisions

General Comments
The research question posed by the authors well defined. Methods are (in particular statistical analyses and systematic search procedure) are appropriate and well described. Applied data (structural and quality of care data as well as data from online ratings) are suitable and sound. Tables are clear and meaningful. The discussion is well balanced, adequately supported by the data and implies evidence from literature. Authors clearly state and discuss imitations of the study. They clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building. Title and abstract accurately convey the content.

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 declare that I have no competing interests in relation to this paper.