Reviewer's report

Title: Fitness to Practice sanctions in UK doctors are predicted by poor performance at MRCGP and MRCP(UK) assessments: data linkage study

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This is a useful and important paper. The relationship between postgraduate examination results and fitness to practice issues has obvious practical implications. The databases interrogated are large and the statistical analysis is robust and clearly described. It is notable that the relationship between exam results and FtP is linear. As the authors note, this needs further exploration.

I would suggest one discretionary minor revision. On Page 6 line 28, the authors describe their study in the future tense. The past tense would be more appropriate as the analysis has already been carried out. This is the only place in the manuscript where this occurs.

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