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Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #2 Harm van Marwijk, Ph.D.: Nice rebuttal, thanks, happy with the changes

Reviewer #4 Reidar Tyssen: I think you have revised quite wisely, and would strongly recommend the editors to include also the description of stakeholder group's participation as an additional file. This kind of user involvement seems to be key in the realist review.

I have only one query, as regards my comment 9, since this is so crucial in all epidemiology (temporality is a major Bradford Hill's criteria). Followed by your clarification, this actually explains an important major advantage of the Pawson method...
I would strongly recommend a sentence like this at the end of line 19 page 9: "Most studies about individual and work-related factors related to doctors' mental ill-health are of a cross-sectional design, however, it is still epistemologically possible to make causal claims based on such data, especially by combining data of various types, as in a realist review (ref. 21, 24)"

Sentence added, page 15-16 lines 21-1

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