Reviewer’s report

Title: What will make a difference? Assessing the impact of policy and non-policy scenarios on estimations of the future GP workforce

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Reviewer: Michel Landry

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The authors have made extensive revision, which has very much improved this manuscript. As it is now the student contributes to the literature, and while it used an Australian case study, it has applicability across other sectors and within other health professions. Overall, this is much improved form the original version.

However, there are a few minor issues that I believe should be addressed.

1. While the authors have reported that the original model has been published elsewhere (ref #21), I think that to make this manuscript stand alone as a contribution, a figure should be included into this manuscript. It would enrich this current study significantly.

2. I think that the nature of the assumption need to be elaborated. Unless I have missed something, the only mention of the development/assumption of the scenarios is on page 14, line 16, wherein the authors report a review of the literature and stakeholder consultation were held. I think that more details as to the process of the stakeholder consultation should be included in order to assess the depth and breadth of the stakeholder engagement.

3. In terms of the part time work variable, were there some evidence to further support this transition. I think that this is an important variable to explore in greater details.
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