Reviewer’s report

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Dear Authors

Thank you for your interesting publication From monitoring to action: Utilising health survey data in national policy development and implementation in Finland. It is focused and relevant for public health professionals working in the field of monitoring and gives an example of the arguments needed to develop and sustain a comprehensive monitoring system. The qualitative approach is a fruitful way to explore the vision of the people engaged in the use of survey data.

The language is fine and the flow of argumentation is good. However, I have some recommendations regarding methodology, reporting of results and the discussion before it is being published:

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