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The revised manuscript has improved considerably regarding structure and precision. The authors have also introduced power estimates and I have to agree that they have sufficient power to infer on the five GPs completing the second round.

I still have two major concerns:

1. The emphasising of the research questions is a major improvement to help the reader to understand the presentation of the study. When it comes to the discussion, I have expected the research questions to be highlighted in a more precise way. First in the Future directions some conclusions are presented on the first two research questions in the first two sentences. I do have some difficulties to agree in that this study gives support to “yeas” to the questions on Establishing and maintaining the CoP. As only one in four – five accepted the invitation and only one in three completed the study I would have expected at least some reservations in the conclusions.

The other four research questions are not explicitly addressed in the discussion or in the conclusions.

2. Although the authors have accounted for sufficient power to infer on the change in scores, the considerable selection challenge is still there. At least I would have found it appropriate to know a little more about he five GPs completed the two rounds, where they for inner city of Perth or from the rural district, where they the participating female GPs or where they the oldest and most experienced GPs or the youngest. I do not suggest to making a new study but I would have paid more attention to the presented results if I had access to some of the information.

Besides form these objections I find the manuscript easy to follow and informative on an important challenge in general practice.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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**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