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Re: MS: 1671488316568108

Dear Dr. Whalley and Professor Brunner-La Rocca

Thank you for evaluating our manuscript No. MS: 1671488316568108 by Gerber et al. entitled “The health care setting rather than medical speciality impacts on physicians adherence to guideline-conform anticoagulation in outpatients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation: a cross sectional survey.”

for publication in *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders*. We are pleased that Professor La Rocca considers our revised article to be of importance in its field and suitable for publication without further revisions. Here, we submit the re-revised version of the manuscript taking the editorial suggestion into consideration as described below in a point-by-point revision. We hope that the re-revised manuscript is suitable for publication in *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders*.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Bernhard Gerber, MD
Point-by-point revision

Reviewer's report:
The authors largely addressed the issues raised. I do not have additional comments.

Reply: We thank the reviewer for this favourable comment.

Editorial comments:
As you will see, the referee feels that you have addressed all of their comments. However, before we can proceed further, we require you to revise your manuscript to address the following point:

Experimental research that is reported in the manuscript must have been performed with the approval of an appropriate ethics committee. Research carried out on humans must be in compliance with the Helsinki Declaration (http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm), and any experimental research on animals must follow internationally recognized guidelines. A statement to this effect must appear in the Methods section of the manuscript, including the name of the body which gave approval, with a reference number where appropriate. If ethical approval was not required for your study, this should be clearly stated in the methods section of your manuscript.

Reply: An ethical approval is not required for this type of study. We included a sentence regarding this issue in the method section.