Reviewer’s report

Title: Management of high-risk patients with hypertension and left ventricular hypertrophy in Germany: role of cardiac specialists

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Reviewer: Daniel T Lackland

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General
This paper addresses a very important topic regarding the effects of specialist and the treatment of hypertension and CVD. The analyses and approach are reasonable and appropriate, and the conclusions applicable to medical care.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
However there are a few issues that should be addressed to strengthen the paper as currently written.

1] The authors may wish to consider reference to the Hypertension Specialist credentialed by the American Society of Hypertension with regards to their conclusions.

2] Issues of treatment inertia might be referenced and discussed in line with the conclusions.

3] Policy issues specific to Germany and potential effects might be added to the discussion.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests