Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary Revisions

It still seems that a core identification (in the econometric sense) strategy in the paper relies on comparing pensioners vs. non-pensioners who are offered different payment schedule. Obviously pensioners are different from the non-pensioners counterparts in addition to how much they are paying out-of-pocket for the drugs that they are prescribed for. I do not think there is any way to get around this issue given the data constraint and there are published papers that use the same strategy. But I think the authors should acknowledge this; may be in the discussion section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.