Reviewer's report

Title: Proton pump inhibitors: potential cost reductions by applying prescribing guidelines

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. In the '5 scenarios for cost minimisation' for scenario 1, is this the same as scenario 2 except that the patient takes the cheaper brand/generic equivalent for 12 months as opposed to 9 months (scenario 2) or do you mean that they receive a different medicine (one that is cheaper for the healthcare payer)?

2. Grammatical error - In the results section 'PPI prescribing by age group' second line take out 'at' in the sentence 'at PPIs at maximum therapeutic dosage'

Discretionary Revisions
1. It would have been nice to have a statement about the dispensing fee in the introduction as you discuss this in the results
2. Reconsider the use a line graph for figure 2

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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