Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Impact of Regional Co-payment and National Reimbursement Criteria on Statins use in Italy. An Interrupted Time-Series Analysis.

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Damiani et al reported interesting data about the impact of statin therapy on the health policy and the economic system in Italy. The consumption of statins in Italy is an hot topic. In fact, statin prescriptions have increased four-fold during the 2000-2010, almost quadrupling its levels, leading national and regional governments to adopt specific policies. The Authors demonstrated that the change in the national reimbursement criteria influenced the utilization of statins, determining a significant reduction in upward trend of prescriptions. Additionally the showed that the effect of the local co-payment on statin use was negligible.

This paper performs an interesting overview on the impact of statin therapy on the economic system in Italy, and indirectly, in the whole Europe. Results are solid and the statistical analysis is well done. The background and the discussion are complete.

**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:**

No conflicts of interest to declare.