Reviewer's report

Title: Cost-consciousness among Swiss doctors: a cross-sectional survey

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General

The authors have responded to the majority of the comments raised by the reviewers. However, some responses have not been incorporated into the manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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

1. As mentioned in the previous review, it would be helpful if the authors would provide a Table comparing the demographic and available practice characteristics of those who responded versus those who did not. The authors explain in their response why this is not possible, but do not include this information in the text of the Results section.

2. As mentioned in the previous review, in the Methods section where predictors of cost consciousness are discussed, it sounds like a Results section. The authors responded adequately in their cover letter, but did not incorporate this information in the text. Also provide references for potential predictors other than stress from uncertainty and work-related satisfaction.

3. In Table 2, it would be helpful for those unfamiliar with the stress from uncertainty and work-related satisfaction scales to see the minimum and maximum values for each of the quartiles.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. For the last item in Tables 2 & 3, change "work related" to "work-related".

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

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