Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of generic-only drug benefits on patients’ use of inhaled corticosteroids in a Medicare population with asthma

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Reviewer: Donald G Klepser

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The authors finding that reduced coverage lowers utilization is not entirely new, though it does add to literature by addressing a particular medication class (inhaled corticosteroids) and patient population (65+ on Medicare Advantage). The study itself is very well done.

Major Compulsory Revision
None

Minor Essential Revision
None

Discretionary Revisions
1. A common criticism of any study that finds reduced utilization is how that affects clinical outcomes. The authors make no mention of this. If they are unable to conduct that analyses, they should include a statement to that in their limitations.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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