Reviewer's report

Title: Furthering patient adherence: A position paper of the International Expert Forum on Patient Adherence based on an Internet forum discussion

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Reviewer: Gary Greenberg

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Major Compulsory Revisions

A) I find that the English is stilted and awkward. The manuscript needs idiomatic help in word-choice and phrasing. This is ESPECIALLY the case in the tight syntax of their paper's abstract.

B) The paper is much less scientific than a true meta-analysis (requiring statistical rigor) and oddly anonymous regarding the attributed opinions of the aggregate and unquoted authors.

This is carried to the extreme when these authors use numerical results to declare how the aggregate of discussants find the topic (which they were selected to discuss because of their prior authorship) to be important. How could this be otherwise? Experts & authors value their own work and expertise, both before and especially after choosing to spend their professional time on a topic.

In their favor, the authors include the opinions of their virtually assembled experts of the web-forum tool. Perhaps the methodology would have been a more utilitarian question (and not the recommendations on improving compliance).

> Authors of the review studies included in the meta-review were invited to join the
> International Expert Forum on Patient Adherence and to participate in a four-week
> web-based focus group discussion. ...
> > The next step in furthering patient adherence was to reach consensus on this agenda
> > among experts in the field ...

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions
**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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