Reviewer's report

Title: Is new drug prescribing in primary care specialist induced?

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Overall, the authors have addressed all points of concern raised previously.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. In two places in the manuscript, the authors refer to the "probability of receiving a new drug from a specialist compared to a reference drug" (8-18 and 11-18). I do not think this is the correct term. A probability is usually between 0 and 1 and the data drawn from relates to Relative Rates (shown in Table 2). The term likelihood of receiving a new drug may be more appropriate.

2. Page 10-18 (third paragraph in discussion) refers to "before ever having seen a medical prescription for rofecoxib". I think the authors mean a specialist prescription for rofecoxib.

3. There remain a few minor typographical errors in the manuscript.

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

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 I have no competing interests.