Reviewer's report

Title: Randomized trials in China: How many are randomized?

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Minor Essential Revisions
Line 28: invariably present positive results - this is conjecture - reword.
Line 57 - what are new drug therapies? 1 year, 2 years or more since launch? Explain
Line 147 and following re Outomes- not clearly expressed needs minor re-write, explanation or description of what was measured.
Lines 170, 172 etc- numbers expressed as a fraction need to be removed. In line 172 not sure what 1452-32 means
Line 185 see comment on line 57 above
line 193- this may be correct but the numbers are small- needs a comment to this effect.
Line 321 following- Last sentence does not make sense. I think it means, 'the interviews were conducted by medical students who although trained may have sometimes expressed themselves poorly due to inexperience'

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 have given advice on earlier drafting of this paper while working at the Chinese Cochrane Centre. I have no other competing interests