Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical drug trials in general practice: a ten-year overview of protocols

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Reviewer: Jens Sondergaard

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This is a relevant and interesting paper. However, the authors should elaborate on the following aspects:

1. Why are trials from hospital populations not generalizable to general practice?
2. What were the criteria for having a drug trial approved by the Norwegian National Medicines Agency?
3. Have the authors investigated whether the results of the trials were published in peer reviewed medical journals?
4. This paper could be substantially improved, if the authors more in depth explore the design of the trials? Is that possible from the present data?
5. The discussion is rather speculative and should to a higher extent be based on published literature on relationships between the pharmaceutical industry and physicians

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 declare that I have no competing interests