Reviewer's report

**Title:** Factors associated with compliance and non-compliance by physicians in a large-scale randomized clinical trial

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**Reviewer:** Thomas Tenhave

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Re-review:

All of the responses are sufficient except for the one major concern:

The authors claim that patient compliance does not influence physician compliance. I wonder why a patient's behavior with respect to listening and abiding by physician's instructions does not influence the physician's attitude to that patient and subsequent compliance with guidelines for that patient. In other words, why worry about compliance with guidelines if the patient is not going to follow them?

**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:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.