Reviewer's report

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The authors have done a good job addressing the reviewer comments. The revised introduction and discussion strengthen the manuscript, which may best be published with its companion piece looking at things from the patient perspective.

The one limitation that the authors did not cite was the fact that social desirability bias may have led providers to report that they knew about recommendations to use thiazides as first-line hypertension treatment, even if they previously did not.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.