Reviewer’s report

Title: Compliance with referrals to medical specialist care: patient and general practice determinants: a cross-sectional study

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This article is an analysis of database and deals on the reason of non-compliance of patients to the referral of the family physicians.

This is an interesting study, which is coming from a country where primary care is believed to be one of the best developed in Europe.

The question on non-compliance to referral recommendation might be an effort to improve quality of referral services.

This observational study covers a sample from the period between the years 2008-2010. This study is a subsequent study from a larger trial. Even the data selection process has been described thoroughly, the calculation of the general sample size is missing.

The paper is well-written, well-structured and presents sound evidence.

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