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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. It would strengthen clarity in the manuscript for the authors to include within the methods, how the covariate definitions are determined.
2. Please further clarify whether the outcome measure related to lipid lowering therapy is the dispensing of a prescription for lipid lowering therapy or the compliance with the filling of the prescription.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. If the data source permits, utilization of BMI categories rather than ‘obesity’ would be preferable.
2. The authors should expand on and hypothesize as to why application of the EULAR multiplier did not have a larger effect.
3. The authors may wish to consider whether patients had preferred or had been advised in regards to non-pharmacologic means of addressing hyperlipidemia including diet and exercise.
4. Figure 2 does not appear to be providing additional information, nor does it appear to be referenced within the manuscript text and therefore can be removed

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Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.