Reviewer's report

Title: How to reform western care payment systems according to physicians, policy makers, healthcare executives and researchers: A discrete choice experiment

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This well-written article is very interesting and relevant for future decisions on the structure of health care systems.
The statistical methods seem to be well conceived but I do not feel competent to assess them.

Minor essential revisions:

Introduction:
1. Some more details to the referenced studies are needed especially with respect to the lines 57-62. The study considers stakeholders from different parts of the world. Are the referenced studies in the introduction also from different countries and do they consider different kinds of reimbursement systems?

Methods:
2. Why only physicians were included in the health care provider group? There are other important stakeholders, e.g. nurses.
3. Please explain more detailed how the different profiles were compiled.
4. The language of the questionnaire was English. Were all participating countries English-speaking countries? I don't think so, because also countries in Eastern Europe were included. Please provide some more details here.

Discussion:
5. The geographical areas of the stakeholders were included into the analysis, but a discussion about the possible causes of differences between these areas is lacking. Do you think the differences reflect rather cultural or political differences or maybe reflect differences between the healthcare systems?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests