Reviewer’s report

Title: Does regulation increase the rate at which doctors leave practice? Analysis of routine hospital data in the English NHS following the introduction of medical revalidation

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The analysis is quite detailed and well written. Authors took into account possible confounders.

Could you please explain why "other" specialty group is not included in the 2.3 analysis?

Please clarify Table 1, at a moment it reads as there were 121735 years.

Clarify results, for example, page 9, line 25: "The hazard of exit was independently associated with consultants' age and was higher for non-UK" - compared with who?

It might be worth adding full analysis, included adjusted consultant characteristics (Table 4) in the appendix (supplementary material).

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