Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of austerity measures on quality of healthcare services: a national survey of physicians in the public and private sectors in Portugal

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Reviewer: Eduardo Levcovitz

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The article contains very important goals and research questions. I specially agree with the main conclusion about "non-linearity beteween policy setting and expecteds results", and the methodological option to consider multiple factors related to the performance of the Portuguese Health System with respect to quality of care.

Although the article can be published as it is, the readers would benefit from the introduction of a theoretical framework on the effects of financial adjustment on social policies.

To make the article easier to reed, I suggest that tables 2 to 5 should be presented as an statistical annex, instead of posted in the body of the text.

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