

Peer Review

Review of: "The Call for Progress in Evidence-Based Medicine"

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Congratulations on this very important article!

Just one remark: the following paragraph, at least to me, seems to need more structure to be better understood:

Our assumption that we doctors make arbitrary decisions in everyday care is probably incorrect. Every doctor makes an implicit effort to adapt his strategy to the individual risk profile of his patient. However, this strategy has not yet been standardized. In everyday health care, we can distinguish three conditions under which healthcare services are offered. The experimental conditions require conducting a structured RCT. These studies are well known. We recently described two functional and twelve formal criteria to distinguish these conditions from healthcare conditions under the non-structured conditions of everyday care. In PCTs, which detect effects induced under everyday conditions, six of the twelve formal criteria are consistent with the criteria used in experimental studies, and four criteria are consistent with the criteria used in the non-structured conditions of everyday care. Two criteria of the PCT differ from all criteria of an experimental study and the criteria of everyday care.

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