Reviewer's report

Title: Sponsor's participation in conduct and reporting of industry trials: a descriptive study

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Reviewer: Joel Lexchin

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The authors have satisfied my initial concerns.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. There is only one minor point that needs to be fixed. In the Abstract the authors say that in 4 of the 12 seemingly independent trials the sponsors had a role in writing the report whereas in the text the authors say that it is 8 of the 12 trials.

2. There are also a few spots where the wording is awkward or where the tense of the verbs is incorrect.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

In 2007 Joel Lexchin was a consultant to a law firm acting for Apotex Inc. In 2008 he was an expert witness for the Canadian federal government in its defence against a lawsuit challenging the ban on direct-to-consumer advertising. In 2010 he was an expert witness for a law firm representing the family of a plaintiff who allegedly died from an adverse reaction from a product made by Allergan. He is currently on the Management Board of Healthy Skepticism Inc. and is the Chair of the Health Action International – Europe Association Board.