Reviewer's report

**Title:** Reporting Guidelines for Modelling Studies

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**Reviewer:** Charles Scales

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The authors present the results of a literature review that essentially comprises a needs assessment for reporting guidelines in the domain of population based health models. They find a paucity of specific guidelines in this area, and note relevant elements from other reporting guideline literature, such as economic model reporting guidelines. Overall the manuscript is well written and an important contribution to this field. As the authors note, this manuscript represents an important first step in the development of appropriate reporting guidelines for this type of study.

Major Compulsory Revisions - n/a

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Typo in Methods of abstract – “anaysed”

2) Methods section paragraph 2 – same typo

3) Identification of key reporting items

"We identified 28 items related to data issues and broadly classified them into 11 domains: data identification; 1) data identification..."

Discretionary Revisions - n/a

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests