Reviewer's report

Title: Medical conditions leading to admission to a nursing home

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The authors have done much to improve their paper. I still have 4 major issues that I believe need to be addressed:

1) You updated your literature review, but the abstract still says "no previous research."

2) There is still some lack of clarity about with tables are per person and which are per diagnosis. It seems to me that only Table 1 is per person. Is that correct? If not, you need to clarify this better. Table 5 seems to be raw counts, which is not clear also and the shifting values makes it hard to compare.

3) Regarding table 1, the numbers given in the description do not match the table. In Results 1 you state somatic are 43% of admission, while the total in the table is 40, same with the others. Please verify this and all other numbers.

4) You do not totally remove all references to B and C...there is one in Discussion 1.1. You need to decribe.

Finally, much of the paper has no "flow" and needs some editing. For example section 2.5 seems like 4 separate paragraphs. Also the use of extensive quotes to make points is distracting.

There is also some language that is awkward.
E.g., in abstract you are not verifying the evolution you are examining.
ADLs and IADLs does not require a possessive.
p 7 "We fic the attention.."