Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of ambulatory medical care utilization in elderly patients with special reference to chronic diseases and multimorbidity - Results from a claims data based observational study in Germany

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Minor issues not for publication

1. Methods
   1.1. Line 4: typing mistake: populationOriginally

2. Results
   2.1. Number of physicians contacted – line 3: wrong placing of a bracket? 70.3% of the nmm-sample)

3. Discussion
   3.1. Line 5: two dots: practices per year..

4. Conclusions
   4.1. Line 5: wrong placing of the word but? On the other hand the extent of utilization but was…

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