Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with physiotherapy provision in a population of elderly nursing home residents; a cross sectional study.

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General
The authors have addressed all comments.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
none.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Page 16 - study limitations
The sentence "...no reasons to expect systematic differences in the severity of the medical problems between the 15 resident populations." is unclear to me. Table 1 shows that some facilities are classified a "somatic nursing homes" and some are classified as "combined nursing homes"

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

On page 14 - First sentence under "Differences among residents"
The first sentence states that medical diagnosis was not associated with PT. A qualifier should be added to this sentence to say "...in the full model that included both facility and patient characteristics." The following sentences do convey this qualifier, but it should be mentioned in the first sentence too.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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 I have no competing interests.