Reviewer's report

Title: Gender differences in the use of transportation services to community rehabilitation programs

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Reviewer's report: This paper examines patterns of community rehabilitation program (CRP) use and the limiting effect of access to transportation on use of CRP services by females in Japan. This is a worthy subject and it deserves to be disseminated widely to shed light on an aspect of Japanese social structure that might otherwise go unnoticed, in terms of its effect on rehabilitation services utilization differences by gender. The issues are well-defined, the methods are appropriate for this type of investigation, and the data are sound. The paper is worthy of being published, the only limiting feature is that the translation or the facility of the authors to express their ideas in English is weak and the article suffers from many, albeit, minor usage errors. There are numerous errors in the document that I reviewed that must be addressed. These changes are not serious, but they must be corrected before submitting a final draft. Once these changes have been made, I believe this article is ready to be published.

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

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:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below.