Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between subjective memory complaints and health care utilisation: a three-year follow up

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This is an interesting study on the health care utilization and costs of patient with SMC and without.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
However, the authors do not convince that they control for confounding in this study. The number of possible confounders is limited, furthermore they were not grounded by literature.

The authors do not explain why the EQ-5D was part of the study. The EQ-5D seems to be used as proxy of depression and/anxiety. However, the EQ-5D is a generalized instrument for measuring health related quality of life.

Minor Essential Revisions
The author did not defined the calculation of the costs.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests