Reviewer's report

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

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Minor essential Revisions should be done:

1. The research question is well defined and methods are appropriate. The method section in the abstract needs to be clarified in order to gain an easy understanding.

2. The study population should be described in more detail: How was the recruitment procedure done? Did the participants get any refund? Could you describe the patients who refused to participate any further?

3. I missed a reflection of the link between subjective memory complaints and objectively measured memory deficits in the discussion part of the paper. What are your recommendations to GPs in case they identify patients with higher SMC? State clearly if the higher health care utilization of this patient group is justifiable or not in the discussion section.

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