Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effect of home care services on the care needs levels of elderly Japanese: A longitudinal study

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Discretionary:

I would only caution that increasing use of services in people declining may be an appropriate response and represent reasonable targeting of services. This is an alternative way of looking at the value of home care services.

**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.