Reviewer's report

**Title:** Relationships between deprivation and duration of children's emergency admissions for breathing difficulty, feverish illness and diarrhoea in North West England: an analysis of hospital episode statistics

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**Reviewer:** Sonia Saxena

**Reviewer's report:**

The authors have revised the manuscript to clarify some of my earlier queries, this has changed the focus of the paper substantially and I recommend the editors review the changes and make further decisions accordingly

**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.