Reviewer’s report

Title: Technology-dependency among patients discharged from a children's hospital: a retrospective cohort study

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General

The revision is a substantial improvement over the initial draft.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. Make the parenthetical remark in second paragraph of the background section a dependent clause. Do the same for the sentence that begins, "Four investigators ..."
2. In the sentence that begins "The OTA report ..." revise to read, "both consensus opinion for groups I-III and the government's ..."
3. State how many charts were abstracted for the pilot test?
4. In the last paragraph of the results, the presentation of the statistics is unusual. I would revise to the following conventional style of reporting: (43.9% vs. 61.0%, p=0.06)

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

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.