Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring cross-sectional associations between common childhood illness, housing and social conditions in remote Australian Aboriginal communities

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Reviewer: Nico Dragano

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Thank you very much for your response. Two comments:

3. That’s a conceptual question. A p-value driven stepwise modelling procedure is by definition explorative and somehow arbitrary. A more focused approach would have been an alternative. Anyway, your approach is explained and the readers might judge on their own.

7. Which evidence justifies this expectation? Why shouldn’t persons count their children’s disease as “severe illness” in the NLES scale?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

no