Reviewer's report

Title: Divorce, divorce rates, and professional care seeking for mental health problems in Europe: a cross-sectional population based study

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The authors have satisfactorily addressed the outstanding problems identified in earlier reviews.

I would just suggest two further revisions having to do with issues of language. In North America it is more common to refer to people who live together but are not married as cohabiting rather than cohabitants ie., on page 15, we would say: 'We found that the divorced or separated, compared to the married or cohabiting, do have a higher health care use . . .'

Similarly, on page 5, 'pro-rich inequality' is awkward. It might be better to state "In Europe, the wealthy are more likely to seek out specialist care, while the poor are more likely to seek out primary primary care.'

Finally, note that reference 5 and 20 are actually the same - the correct reference is given in 20

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

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I declare I have no competing interests.