Reviewer’s report

Title: Who pays and who benefits: How different models of shared responsibilities between formal and informal carers influence projections of costs of dementia management in Australia.

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Reviewer: Samantha Hollingworth

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I have read the redrafted manuscript and the authors’ letter responding to the 3 Reviewers’ reports. I consider the authors have responded appropriately to my points and those of the other the reviewers.

The extra detail on the Australian health care system and dementia is useful to the international readership. The authors emphasised the limitations of predictive modelling and gave more details of the model (as previously published). The extra edits and detail from the authors is welcome and makes the paper more understandable.

Minor edits:
1. Abstract methods – insert options (as underlined)

“Data from a variety of sources was recalculated to distribute this prevalence according to the location (home/institution), care requirements (informal/formal), and dementia severity.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.