Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of Primary Health Care Provide to the Elderly and Health Related Quality of Life: a Cross-sectional Study

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Reviewer’s report:

Thank you to the authors for being introduced some of the changes suggested by the reviewers.

After the first review, some key issues continue being unclear to me.

Major Compulsory

The study objective is not well defined. I am having difficulties in understanding the paper.

The only clear objective to me is the comparison of the degree of person centered care (PHC score) in two different ways of providing primary care in Brasil. If this is the case, an additional multivariate analysis must be performed because the differences (economic, cultural, health, etc) between the elderly persons interviewed from each model of care bias the results. A multivariate analysis must be performed in order to clarify if the observed differences in PHC score between the two models of care is due to the models itself or to differences in the characteristics of the surveyed population.

If this is not being performed and the full paper modified accordingly, it is difficult to get conclusions of general interest from the current version of the paper

English must be improved.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests