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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The report now is more consistent, but some issues must be addressed before publication.

1) The team is composed commonly by a non-specialist physician (clinicians, pediatricians and gynecologists), nurses, and other health workers, offered in the BHUs, which meets.# Improve language

2) These conditions were directly associated to the use of health services [24,25], which are provided by the FHS through greater access, availability of services, monitoring, and comprehensive care, and for participate in family-oriented and community activities.# Improve language

3) ...and the family doctors live in the communities where they work [7]. # To clarify that this does not happen in Brazil.

4) The aims of this study were to evaluate whether elderly patients who consulted in units with FHS had

• higher PHC attributes attainment than those who consulted in the traditional care model; # OK#

• if morbidities - hypertension, diabetes mellitus, mental disorders, chronic pain – were reported as major health problems; # that aim is not justified either in objectives as in discussion / if body mass index of obesity and central obesity was independently associated with major PHC attributes attainment; # those two objectives are not justified either in the introduction or discussion, it is important to clarify what is the point#

... and whether the PHC score was associated with quality of life in elderly individuals.#OK# Remember to make changes in the abstract too.#

5) There was difference in the profile of patients, those with high level of education consulted at BHUs, while those who lived alone or only with spouse more often were patients of units with FHS # not all patients with high level education consulted at BHUS... #

6) The prevalence of elevated scores was higher in FHS model than in those units with BHU. This commentary is related to table 2, not 3.
7) However, the mean age was similar among elderly patients of both types of units, which have differences in other characteristics. # Improve language

**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:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests’