Reviewer's report

Title: Medical Care Usage and Self-Rated Mental Health

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General
The author made substantial changes to the manuscript. The manuscript is now very different, simplified, much clearer.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Results section: second paragraph from the end of the section: there are categories "six to ten" and "ten or more" mentioned. It should be clarified to which category "10" belongs.

Table 2: "Multivariate" should be mentioned in the title of the table. I would also prefer to see baseline category for each variable with odds ratio of 1.00. It would make this table clearer. (For example for MD Visits, I would prefer categories as None, 1, 2-5, 6-10, >10).

In the Results, the association between poor self-rated mental health and number of medical visits is shown. It is stated that one visit, 2-5 visits, and 6-10 visits had lower odds of poor mental health in comparison to ten or more visits. On the other hand there is no difference visible between eg. 0 visits and 6-10 visits. Also, there is not any suggestion of testing for trend. The apparent difference of people in the last category (10+ visits) could be discussed in more details. I would think that poor mental health (as defined in this manuscript) will be most likely associated with poor self-rated physical health. So, the real association can be between number of visits and poor physical health. Number of visits would be then poor marker of poor mental health. Would it be possible to control for physical health in this dataset?

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No
Declaration of competing interests:

None