Reviewer's report

Title: Pattern and determinants of hospitalization during heat waves: an ecologic study

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Reviewer: Michael McGeehin

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General
The paper is an interesting analysis of the non-fatal outcomes from a heat wave. Hospital admissions is an area that needs further investigation as an outcome of a severe environmental threat.

I am satisfied that the author's responded to my criticisms and suggested changes. I find that the paper reads better than the original version and more correctly represents the findings of the researchers.

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

None

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

None

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None

What next?: Accept without revision

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.