Reviewer's report

Title: Chronic disease prevalence and care among elderly in urban and rural China - a 10/66 Dementia Research Group survey: a cross-sectional study

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. Research questions should be clearly listed.
2. How's the background information linked to the current study is unclear.
3. How can this study contribute to the existing knowledge?
4. More detailed description on the study design and measures should be provided.
5. What is the focus of your study? This paper is trying to cover three huge research areas. Given the page and word limitations, neither of these areas can be fully developed in this manuscript.
6. There is great variation in rural areas in China. Chinese Census divides rural areas into 4 different levels. Which level is your sample belong to?
7. Too many tables. Urban rural bivariate comparison table is not necessary. It does not add to our knowledge.
8. Paper should be carefully proofread and edited before submission.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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.