Reviewer's report

Title: The influencing factors analysis of the outpatient workload of Chinese health center

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This paper tried to evaluate which social and institutional factors can potentially influence the outpatient volume of a community health centre utilising data of many community centres existing in 28 representative Chinese cities.

This is a cross-sectional study, and it is quite difficult to detect causal link between what authors called "influencing factors" and outpatient load. For example, more patients may come to health centres with better equipment, but why not health centres improve equipment because of their high outpatient volume?

There is little background information described in this paper with regard to Chinese healthcare system and insurance system.

The results of this study may have some value to Chinese health care administrators and policy makers, but less to readers in other countries.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

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