**Reviewer’s report**

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Fortunately, the conclusion is now supported by the results thanks to (a) the more detailed results appear to be in agreement with the finding reported on those with poor health and (b) the fact that the positive tone of the end of the Discussion is now balanced by some cautionary statements and observations.

The new series of tables has improved in consistency and informative value. To further improve this consistency, I would like to suggest two further changes:

- in table 1, make a distinction by education and by insurance status, respectively, and not by gender. Please note that gender is only a control variable, while the interaction between health and education/insurance status is a key result. See also Abstract.

- in figure 1, substitute income by education and/or insurance status. It would be even more informative, as a background to the key result of table 3, to present the utilisation rates for the population cross-classified by educational level and health status at the same time.

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**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