Reviewer's report

Title: Home healthcare services in Taiwan: a nationwide study among the older population

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. In the results section, paragraph 2, when you say “The numbers of home healthcare visits during 2004 were further arranged…”, you should say “The number of home healthcare visits per patient during 2004 was further arranged…”.

2. In table 1, you should also mark with an asterisk the variable “Nº. of home healthcare patients (% of beneficiaries)”, to indicate that you have tested the statistical significance of gender differences and you have found it is p<0.0001.

3. In figure 1, you should display the name of the variables you are representing: “Percentage (%)”, in the Y axe, and “Number of visits per patient”, in the X axe.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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