Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring change in health status of the elderly at the population level: The transition probability model

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A helpful study on different utilization levels, improved over first version.

one major issue remains however - this study only uses 65+ data, and so ignores the possible higher use of hospitals by younger persons, and it is unfortunate that it gives the impression that only older people can be high users of hospitals.

this limitation needs to be clearly stated somewhere in the manuscript before publishing

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 i have not competing interests