Reviewer's report

Title: Trends of Increase in Western Medical Services in Traditional Medicine Hospitals in China

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This is an interesting and timely paper that addresses important issues pertaining to hospital trends in western medicine use. The comparative analysis of hospital data yields useful information about the factors that may affect the trend. Relevant policy recommendations were made in the concluding section.

The strengths of the study are: 1) multiple administrative data obtained from both TCM and general hospitals in China; 2) use of relevant predictor variables in the analysis of variance or variability in western medicines prescribed; and 3) a highly readable paper.

The paper does confirm the fact that increased utilization of western medicine is both hospital and ambulatory care settings is a current trend in China.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interest.