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Review of manuscript: 'Factors associated with use of community mental health services by schizophrenia patients using multilevel analysis'

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I believe authors have used appropriate methods to answer an important question. Overall the quality of reporting and discussion are balanced. This article can be accepted after minor essential revision. Following points need to be addressed.

- Authors mention that they selected random sample of 164 patients but no details of the random method used is given. Please give details of the random method used and how the sample was selected.

- In discussion there are number of claims for which no evidence is provided. It is mentioned, for example, ‘in Spain this employment status is common in patients with severe mental illness’ (1st paragraph). While this may be generally true but when authors mention specifically of Spain, it would be helpful to provide a reference.

- The discussion about the patients attending particular psychiatrists having more attendance in outpatients is rather speculative and lengthy. It is not clear that whether all psychiatrists had similar population in catchment areas and whether total number of patients under their care was similar. This part of discussion needs to be shortened and these points need clarification.

- The discussion is lengthy and needs to be shortened.

- The paper will benefit from careful proof reading to address number of typos.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.

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I declare that I have no competing interests