Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of Long Term Care in 29 European countries: evidence from an exploratory study.

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The manuscript "Patterns of Long Term Care in 29 European countries - evidence from an exploratory study" improved in many ways since the last time.

First, the title shows now concisely, what was done and how it was done.
Second, the authors clearly state several limitations of their research method (e.g. exploratory design, different rules of generating PCAs), so that the reader may better interpret the results.
Last, the revised manuscript illustrates the study as necessary and meaningful for prospective studies, e.g. in order to "[...]
patterns and trends of LTC.

All in all the manuscript has made several meaningful improvements, so that I recommend accepting it without further revisions.

Minor issues not for publication:
- Stylistic issue: The reference list is not created in a uniform style, e.g. some titles are printed in bold, some in italic etc.

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 that I have no competing interests.