Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of health insurance reform on the number of cataract surgeries in Chongqing, China

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This is definitely much better well done! I like the brevity and the information is much more accessible with improved presentation. I still have some points:

1 The summary conclusion is still, in my view, not really supported by the data. It remains one possible explanation. I would rather see the conclusion omitted (for both paper and abstract) and a discussion added to the abstract reflecting the points made in the discussion in the body of the paper.

2 I am unconvinced of any real benefit from the figures For me table 1 says most of the content and if a figure is felt appropriate perhaps one with number of operations as the y axis and year as the x axis with 2 columns per year urban and rural. The columns could then have shading to show the number who had insurance in each group.....this would convey most of the information in one figure.

3 The method of selection of the 4 hospitals in each category could be usefully clarified.

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