Reviewer's report

Title: An instrument assessing patient satisfaction with general day care in hospitals

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1. Major compulsory revisions: None The authors are to be commended for a clear description of a study that is important to the growing concerns surrounding the trends in cost and efficacy of the various modalities of health care, as well as patient satisfaction with that health care. The authors defined their objective, and gave a detailed description of the justification of their approach and specific analytic methodology which were easy to follow and understand. The tables were well-organized, and limitations were addressed appropriately. I found the authors’ ideas concerning possible future research particularly interesting as they propose using the same type of data for informing additional questions regarding health care quality, trends, and differences based on the conditions being treated. The authors clearly acknowledge the previous work on the COPS that provided the motivation and basis for development of the COPS-D.

2. Minor essential revisions: Writing needs improvement. I have attached a "track changes" version of the manuscript that will indicate areas of needed improvement. None of these improve the science behind the paper, but I believe communication will be enhanced.

3. Discretionary Revisions: None

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.