Reviewer's report

Title: Hardship financing of healthcare among rural poor in Orissa, India

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Major Compulsory Revisions.

Generally, it is a good topic and the structure is quite well. Unfortunately, there are not too many new findings in this research, and the article is not so rigorous. My suggestions to revise the manuscript are as follows,

1. The fourth paragraph of introduction should be concise.
2. The academic term about significant should be standard.
3. The two paragraphs followed table 1 is not part of the findings.
4. Some contents next figure 1 was repeated.
5. The paragraphs before table 4 were too verbose.
6. The research limitation should be added.
7. The three figures were repeated.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests