Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of in-home and community-based services on the functional status of elderly in the long-term care insurance system in Japan.

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Reviewer: Helen Johnson

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This article is interesting and well written and thought through and consequently, I have no negative comments regarding this article and am happy for it to be published. My only suggestion would be a requirement for a read-through for general grammar and wording, however, statistically and methodologically, the work is sound.

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

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

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