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: Angel Otero

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As I inform in my first review this manuscript related with the experience of Japanese LTCI system could be specially interesting for experts in other countries and cultures.

The author's response to reviews included in the cover letter clarify the different questions asked although the clarifications and new paragraphs included in the revised manuscript are very few, specially en relation with the aspects exposed by this reviewer.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'