Reviewer’s report

Title: New evidence on the financing equity in China’s health care reform - Case study on Gansu province, China

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It is a quite good paper which research equity which is an important issue in China’s health care reform, I think it will be better if do the following revise.

Major Compulsory Revisions:
1. Make the background more concise, correct some small mistakes (e.g. the initiative of NCMS is 2003, not 2005), and the origin of some data which quoted should be indicated.

Minor Essential Revisions:
2. As the data is from 2002 and 2007, the government financing to health insurance has been growing quickly over the past few years (e.g. the average premium of NCMS is 58.9 Yuan in 2007, but more than 300 Yuan in 2012. the similar with the BMI). So, what this change has influenced the equity should be discussed, and it should be notified in the limitation of the study.

Discretionary Revisions:
3. One of the conclusions, “OOP payment still accounts for the highest share of health care financing”, should be carefully at present.
4. Some sentences need polish. E.g. conjunctions were improper used.

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

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.