Reviewer’s report

Title: Health service use in families where children enter public care: a nested case control study using the General Practice Research Database

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The authors have mostly done a nice job responding to the concerns raised by my initial review.

Minor Essential Revisions:

1. The two research questions posed at the end of the background section do not match what is actually done in the paper. The authors are not estimating patterns of health service use, but rather identifying risk factors associated with entrance into public care. The research question should mirror the language used in the methods and results sections.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 I have no competing interests.