Reviewer's report

Title: Official statistics and claims data records indicated non-response and recall bias within survey-based estimates on health care utilization in the older population

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1. How to define “need for care” in table 1 should be described.

2. From Page 10, for comparison of baseline characteristics of KORA-Age participants and AOK Middle Franconia insurants, 2015(48.8%) were male in KORA-Age participants interviewed, and 10344(28.1%) were male in AOK insurance sample. This difference seems inconsistent with table1?

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

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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I declare that I have no competing interests’ below.