Reviewer's report

Title: Out-of-Pocket Expenditure for Primary Health Care in Tajikistan: a time-trend analysis.

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The article described very important issue for health care. The issue posed by authors is well defined. The methods used by authors are appropriate and described well. Data obtained allowed the authors to come to right conclusions in most aspects. I would like to put attention to some things.

1. We have to differentiate between substructure of OPE as informal payment to health care providers which doesn’t increase since 2007 till 2011 and expenditures for purchasing medicine is essentially increased. Authors has to interpret the expenditure for medicine carefully as medicine today is fully distributed by private providers.

2. In section „Background, pages 3-7“ I disagree with authors bringing an argument that authors . In page 5 name os authors named with errors instead of Khodjamouroodov it has to be Khodjamurodov instead of Bernel it has to be Rechel

I think that manuscript adhere tot he relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussions and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by data. The work was done within acceptable limits.

The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found. The writing is acceptable.