Reviewer's report

Title: What aspects of quality of primary care predict emergency admission rates? A cross sectional study.

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Reviewer: Sarah Purdy

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Thank you for asking me to review this paper which is well written and clearly presented.
It addresses an important topic - emergency admissions.
It provides new information in that it looks at access to primary care - this is a novel development in the UK system as data are only recently available to allow this to be investigated.
The methods and analysis are appropriate and results accurately presented.

Major essential revisions
the comment on page 10 that the further a practice is away from the ED the higher likelihood of a hospital admission needs explaining - most UK studies (unlike Australian and US ones) have shown closer proximity to the ED is associated with higher risk of admissions. It is unclear if this is a finding from this study (not supported by data in table 2) or an assumption - needs to be clarified and discussed.

Page 14 - para 3 - 'The study adds the new finding that the association between deprivation and emergency admissions declines as the deprivation increases' - this sentence is not supported by the evidence

Minor essential revisions
Box page 4 over rides text
typo page 6 para 3 should be 'financial'
Page 10 para one - grammar needs to be corrected in point 2)
How does study 11 differ from the current study?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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