Reviewer's report

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On p. 13, barriers to VA Care should be reported as listed in Table 1.

Table 2 is somewhat confusing. It shows "the final variables associated with self-reported exclusive use of VA care" (p. 14, para. 3). However, as the column heading is e.g. "any barrier", it seems rather to show the association between e.g. socio-demographic variables and the "presence of any reported barrier" (cf. p. 14, para. 2). This needs to be clarified.

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'