Reviewer's report

Title: Household Catastrophic Medical Expenses in Eastern China: Determinants and Policy Implications

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Minor Essential revisions

This is an interesting article with large sample size.

The minor questions are:

1. Why the sampling techniques in the three cities are not the same?
2. How to calculate the one year expenditures? by direct asking or by some indicators? if by direct asking, how to deal with the recall bias?
3. How to choose the independent variables? by experience, by literature or by assumptions?
4. What are the assumptions in the logistic model?
5. do not repeat the OR and CI in the text, because the tables have already given them.
6. The last two paragraphs of Discussion are not closely related to the results. I suggest the authors may rewrite it or delete it.

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

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'