Reviewer's report

**Title:** Health-seeking behaviour in the city of Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo: Results from a cross-sectional household survey

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**Reviewer:** Azusa Sato

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Please see my responses as below, which pick out the Qs/answers I still have concerns about. Those not addressed below are considered answered by authors;

Q2. My query concerned the theoretical addition to the literature, but the authors state only the empirical additions. I still rather think the theoretical addition is rather limited, but it is up to the editors to decide whether the article is of interest to its readers.

Q4. I would still be happier to see further robustness checks on the one significant result; that ‘perception of disease’ is a significant variable is hardly surprising; after all, people are able to choose providers accordingly. Authors even say in the text that perception of disease is associated with length of disease, which suggests that there may be mixed understanding by interviewees of what was actually being asked. That there are only two, vague categories of ‘acute’ and ‘chronic’, is also a drawback. Without some further analysis, I am not comfortable with this being the finding which merits the paper publication.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'