Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of patient satisfaction with hospital health care

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General

J. Quintana et al. in a descriptive study evaluate possible predictors of in-patient satisfaction in relation to sociodemographic variables, history of admission, length of stay and manner in which the mailing survey was conducted.

In a previous study, the Authors (International Journal for Quality in Health Care 2005, 17 â€“ 6: 465-472) developed and validated a questionnaire and now in the same group of patients they performed a further analysis.

The six domains identified are reported by Others and it is confirmed the importance of some demographic variables.

The study is not new but it is interesting, the methods were appropriate and well described, the 34 questions were not reported.

Data are sound and well reported. The work is well organised and balanced, English is acceptable.

Title and Abstract are ok

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Minor digit errors (â€œinâ€ first line, double commas, dots ecc) are present in Background

In Tab 2 was not reported the statistically significance of test utilised.

In Results Section with univariate analysis the Authors mentioned â€œcorrelationâ€ but not statistical correlation test was performed or reported.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'