Reviewer's report

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General

The manuscript has improved a lot, the study question is more clearly stated and the paper is more focused now. The paper has benefitted from the change of the title.

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

The authors have now introduced a new term "support treatment hospital" which they describe on p.3. I am not sure if the international readers can still understand the term correctly. It seems to be different from "nursing hospitals"? This needs clarification if the functions of these hospitals can’t be explained by an appropriate name in English. For me "support treatment" sounds odd, but I have to admit that I am not a native English speaker.

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

I would recommend to make the conclusions more precise and shorten, it now still repeats a lot of results

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests