Reviewer's report

Title: Seasonal variation in orthopedic health services utilization in Switzerland: The impact of winter sport tourism.

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Reviewer: Huiyun Xiang

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General:

This is a well written paper that addressed an important medical care service research question near winter sports resorts in Switzerland. The research question was clearly described and the implications of the research findings for health care planning were discussed. The study methods are sound and high quality data were used in the study.

Authors of this paper also had a nice discussion of the research findings and the conclusions were adequately supported by the results from the study.

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Major Compulsory Revisions: No

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1) Do not start Results of the Abstract with a number (70.8%). Rewrite the first sentence.
2) Authors may want to double check the journal abbreviations for the reference #2 and #6.

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Discretionary Revisions:

Change the title by replacing “orthopedic health services utilization” with “emergency medical service utilization.”

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: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests