Reviewer's report

Title: The Analysis of Service Utilization in Community Health Centers Compared with the Local Hospitals in China

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Reviewer: David Legge

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This paper deals with a very important issue in China. The paper contributes usefully to our knowledge of the problem. Having the debate in the international literature as well as the Chinese literature would materially contribute to outcomes. I anticipate that this paper could attract many citations.

The methods section has been substantially improved. This was the only compulsory revision which I stipulated in my first review.

The authors have not addressed either of the discretionary suggestions which I made in my earlier review. I guess if they did not collect the data in their original field work it is hard to ask that they comment on the issues.

Unfortunately, the quality of English expression is still well below the standard required for publication in the English language literature. And further I believe that there are a number of issues of substance that would also emerge and have to be resolved in the context of bringing this to an acceptable level of English expression.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.