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Reviewer: Steffen Flessa

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Discretionary Revisions: I am still not satisfied with the definition of the catchment area. I would distinguish a shortest-distance catchment area defined as the area were people would come from if they always minimized travel distances, and an actual catchment area according to patient files.

However, this is not compulsory.

Otherwise I strongly support the publication of this paper.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'