Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comparison of primary health care services between urban and rural settings after the introduction of the first urban health centre

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**Reviewer:** Jane Farmer

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Yes, the question if new (for Greece) and is well defined.

The methods seem appropriate and well described.

However, I am not a statistician and I would advise expert statistic's review.

The discussion and conclusions are straightforward and clear. In the conclusion, the authors propose urban primary healthcare centres be extended because they impact on primary healthcare - but they should perhaps clarify what they mean. No impacts on health outcomes or even healthcare process are demonstrated here so are they alerting to access improvements? If so, I think they need data on changing patterns of demand on services.

Yes, the title and abstract accurately conveys what has been found.

The writing is acceptable but it requires proof reading by a native English speaker.

At one point in the discussion (paragraph 2, line 6) they say 'urban' when I think they mean 'rural'.

**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:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'