Reviewer's report

Title: Utilization Patterns of Chinese medicine and Western medicine under the National Health Insurance Program in Taiwan, a population-based study from 1997 to 2003

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1) Table 1: All p-values reported as 0.000 should be changed to p<0.001.

2) Table 2: Replace "Mean+/-Std dev" with "Mean+/-SD". First, SD is a commonly used acronym for standard deviation. Second, the sign "+/-" is usually used to express the precision of an estimate (eg in using a confidence interval), not in describing the characteristics of a sample.

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: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.