Reviewer's report

**Title:** An ecological study on the relationship between supply of beds in long-term care institutions in Italy and potential care needs for the elderly.

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**Reviewer:** Yoshiharu Fukuda

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The paper has critical limitations mainly resulted from ecological study design. However, the authors suitably responded to the reviewers’ comments and the paper has some findings that are worth publication. I have one additional comment for revision of the paper.

Minor Essential Revisions

Table 1 and Figure 3 should include the terms of GROUP A, GROUP B, and GROUP C.

**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.