Reviewer's report

Title: An Analysis of Farmers' Perception of the New Rural Cooperative Medical System in Liaoning Province, China

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major compulsory revisions.

the authors use the descriptions 'rural residents' and 'farmers' as if they are identical. they are not, and the authors need to decide what is the population being studied. i.e. are they rural residents- people who live in rural areas, or are they farmers- people who run and operate farms.

there were numerous errors in written English. Most of these were small, but they accumulated throughout the paper and this does detract from the easy reading of the article. some are likely due to lack of familiarity with English. examples are 1. variable tense - using past and present tense in the one sentence. lack of use of the indefinite article: 'the'. using 'countries (page 3) when I think 'counties' was appropriate. page 4: 'no medical insurance system exited' when I think they mean to say: 'existed'. this paper needs to be read and re-read by someone who is conversant with written English of a standard presented to a medical journal, and I don't think this would take long, or delay publication by much.

structure of the paper.

the last paragraph in the introduction really belongs in the discussion section of the article, as the authors are discussing the results and methods of their own paper with one that describes research from another area - the city of Weihai.

word usage is not consistent. e.g. page 7 the authors 'combined' two groups of responses (very satisfied and satisfied) but then 'integrated' two other groups (dissatisfied and very dissatisfied) it would be better if they used the same word -combined.

the authors mention that the research consisted of interviews and focus groups, but no mention is made of what happened to the data that was collected in the focus groups, how this was analysed, and whether it contributes to this paper or to another paper. if not included in this paper, it should be mentioned by the authors.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'