Reviewer’s report

Title: Urgent care centers in the U.S.: Findings from a national survey

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This is an interesting national survey of urgent care centers in the US.

The objectives are well described and relevant, the methodology acceptable. The response rate a bit low (50%), but there is no indication of severe bias in the results.

I have some suggestions for the authors in order to improve the manuscript:

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. The definition of what kind of centers that are included should be very explicit and included in the Methods
2. The Results include discussion and opinions and also references. This is not the usual scientific paper style (IMRD). The whole structure of Results, Discussion and Conclusion should be revised
3. Conclusion is far too long, should summerize the 3-5 main points in short sentences
4. Table 2: I would like to see the distribution of number of patients per week in appropriate categories (0-100, 100-250 etc)

In conclusion; I think this paper should be published after some revison

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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