Reviewer’s report

Title: Inequities in incidence, morbidity and expenditures on prevention and treatment in southeast Nigeria

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In general, the paper is much improved from the last version.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The paper should have another edit for language, grammar, etc. A couple of examples are the first sentence in the rationale (first thing a person will read after the title), and the last full sentences on pages 14 and 15. There are others, and perhaps having someone unrelated to the paper edit the language would be helpful.

2. I find the results presentation still a bit choppy. It is bizarre to state that most of the villages were x and then cite two of the villages as examples. It is no longer most, it is half. There are numerous examples in that section.

Discretionary Revisions
1. I still find that the conclusions drawn stretch the data presented.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.