Reviewer's report

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1. Major compulsory revisions:
   there are two main issues about China system. China has more than three levels of health care from village to township to county to prefectural and to provincial and above level. The authors should write it based on this structure. Another main point is about the medical insurance. China has New Cooperative Medical Schemes (NCMS), urban staff medical insurance, urban residents medical insurance and medical assistance and private medical insurance. The authors should introduce these systems.

2. Minor essential revisions:
   delete figure 1. It cannot provide more information.
   The authors need cite Dong Hengjin's PhD thesis. It was published in Karolinska Institutes 2000. The title is Health Financing Systems & Drug Use in Rural China. I read it and found in the Appendix, he has compared Swedish system and Chinese system. The comparison has been done before but not comprehensive like this article.

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