Reviewer's report

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Note on the revised version of the manuscript:

(Minor but Essential Revisions)
1. The abstract states that the objective of the study is to look at hospital variable costs but the papers reviewed cover service delivery at additional levels of care, including primary level health center care. I would recommend the authors to be more clear here, whether the focus is indeed hospital level care or not.

2. I would recommend additional text to describe what is the analysis carried out by the authors and presented in Table 2? This part does not seem to be described in the Methods section.

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

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