Reviewer's report

Title: Deriving Utility Scores for Co-Morbid Conditions: A Test of the Multiplicative Model for Combining Individual Condition Scores

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General

This paper addresses an important issue in the field of SMPH. It is well conceived, executed and presented. No substantive alterations are necessary.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Nil.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Nil.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. The authors may wish to consider using the term "adjusted" rather than "purified" throughout the manuscript as the latter has possible moral connotations.

2. The full stop after reference [5] on page 4 should be a comma.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.