Reviewer’s report

Title: Misuse of emergent healthcare in contemporary Japan

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The author pointed out problems related to patients' behavior and the use of ambulances, and argues that this is causing wasting medical expenses.

They have presented a number of solutions, however, every solution is inadequate and they conclude that the solution is deepening their situation and stimulating autonomy.

However, it seemed to be a problem in this discussion from several points.

1. There are many assertions that have no basis or references.

2. There are many decisions from the medical viewpoint. Social issues should be discussed diversely, such as patient viewpoint and citizen's view as a taxpayer.

3. There is no discussion about the unequal distribution of physicians stated in the background. If it is described in the background, discussion should be done in the text.

4. You should show a evidence that cause of closing many departments is convenience store like visiting.

5. Convenience-store like visiting are almost based on newspaper articles. A reliable source such as scientific article should also be used.

6. In the paragraph about examples of measures to collect 5400 yen, you should also be based on that the number of consultations decreased.

7. This argument have already been increased and there is little novelty.

Such as above, this debate need numerous revision.

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