Reviewer’s report

Title: Emergency department visits in older patients: a population-based survey

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Reviewer: David Peran

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Thank you for inviting me to re-review this article. I would like to thank the authors for the implementation of the comments provided. I have just minor comment.

As I went thru the comments of the reviewers they were are implemented and provided by comments if not implemented in its entirety. Thank you for the precise work.

Methods

Pg. 3, Para. 3 (from 57 below) - When I read the manuscript for the first time, I thought that I understand the cost analyses, but after the rewriting I am not sure. This is how I understand it now: Every patient is charged a nominal fee of 32.70 EUR which is paid from the taxes. The authors calculate other costs based on real examinations provided (based on the hospital system). If the reality is different than I suggest explaining it more simply. Some of the readers might not be familiar with different systems across Europe and this can be confusing.

Summary

This article might support next research in this area.

I would like to thank the authors for their work and also for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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