Reviewer's report

Title: Medical expenses of urban Chinese patients with stomach cancer during 2002-2011: a hospital-based multicenter retrospective study

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Reviewer: Rei Goto

Reviewer's report:
The authors revised their manuscript based on the reviewer's suggestions almost appropriately. Some minor issues are left for two replies for comments.

Comments #12: The authors recognized that it is challenging to separate the trend changes from price changes on regional levels. Please mention this in limitations in Discussion. Showing some figures for differences in general CPI growth among sampled cities will be helpful.

Comments #18: I want to confirm that this per capita GDP figure is in real term not in nominal term. If you do NOT use real term, please correct it.

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