Reviewer’s report

Title: Association of Maternal Ethnicity and Urbanicity on Severe Pediatric Disease: A Nationwide Cohort Study

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This is a paper analyzing clam data from the national health insurance of Taiwan. I have several comments here.

1. The authors did not describe how ethnicity was defined from the data base. It should be described in detail because selection bias may exist by misclassification of exposure.
2. Urban and rural areas definition was not described at all. This point should also be described in detail because the major conclusion of this article discussion about it.
3. The outcomes were from catastrophic disease certificate. I don't think this is a reliable outcome measurement. The authors should describe the validation of outcome measurement in the methodology section.
4. For the analysis, I did not see any covariate adjustment in the tables and figures. I think the authors should describe those possible confounding factors in detail.

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