Reviewer’s report

Title: Self-motivated medical care-seeking behaviors and disease progression in a community-based cohort of chronic hepatitis B virus-infected patients in China

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Reviewer's comments

The manuscript has been substantially improved on. I recommend acceptance after the following minor revision;

Minor revision

Title: …medical care-seeking behaviors…

Abstract:

Line 46 - 48: I suggest you rather report the age group with the lowest medical care-seeking behavior which is participants 50 years and above.

The second objective was to examine the disease progression, it is important to include these results in the abstract as well.

Line 59 - 61 is not clear. Rephrase.

Background:

Line 94: …their medical care-seeking behaviors…

Line 95: Delete "impact"

Line 96: We observed the disease progression after…
Methods:
Line 105: …or hepatitis D virus…
Line 128: …above mentioned criteria…
Line 137: …loss to follow-up…
Line 138: …medical care-seeking behaviors…
Line 150: …a person-year…

Results:
Line 163: Change "living area" to "area of residence"
Line 179: …medical care-seeking behaviors…
Line 181: …detected in the active medical care-seeking behaviors…
Title of Table 2: The active medical care-seeking behaviors…
Table 3: Revise the title for clarity.

Discussion:
Line 215: …the chronic HBV infections were acquired…
Line 219: …and HCC (from 0 to 0.5%) increased…
Line 224: …than is generally acknowledged.
Line 238 & 247: …our study…
Line 258: …treated as priority…
Line 269: …rate of active medical care-seeking behavior…
Line 286: …covered the urban population normally…
Line 295: Firstly…
Secondly...

Thirdly...

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