Reviewer’s report

Title: Effect of health insurance type on health care utilization in patients with hypertension: a National Health Insurance database study in Korea

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This paper examines the effect of health insurance type on health care utilization. The authors generally well addressed the part that the reviewer pointed out. But some points should be clarified still.

Major Compulsory comments.

The authors classified hospital as government-owned hospitals (referred as ‘public hospitals’ in this study) and ‘non-government owned hospitals (referred as ‘private hospitals’ in this study). And then the authors subclassified private hospitals as private corporate hospitals and private non-corporate hospitals.

But it is hard to accept the authors classification. Especially, it is hard to think that the behavior of private non-corporate hospitals is different from that of private corporate hospitals in Korea. Please clarify this point.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'