Reviewer's report

Title: Role of Community Health Outreach Program "Living for Health" (R) in Improving Access to Federally Qualified Health Centers in Miami-Dade County, Florida: A Cross-sectional Study

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This is an interesting and important study.

Few comments:

Can the authors provide a figure that identifies all of the different steps that were used to capture all the data? For example starting from 9452 then dividing it into 5571 and 3882 participants for abnormal or not, followed by 2787 and 2784 data for having or not personal physician, then 889 and 1889 for new referrals and existing FQHC patients, and finally 201 and 1688 for match and non-matched samples. That would clarify the sequence of steps better.

There is no definition of what FHRI stands for.

The matching rate can be clarified better. Who did the matching? How exactly was it done and what variables were used and how? The window of matching was between 2008-2012 and what was the time elapsed between screenings and referrals? Can the low matching be a result of underestimating a match?

I was interested to know more about the sample of 898 participants that were existing patients of FQHC. Any differences from this group as compared to the matching group of 201 participants?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of interest.