Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revisions: None
Minor essential revisions: None

Discretionary revisions:

After rereading the study again, one issue that concerns me is the inconsistent use of the term LEP. In line 25, you say patients had limited English proficiency.

Lines 208, 213, 244, 267, the authors use the term LEP patients. I think it would be read better if the authors chose one way of describing patient, either with LEP or as LEP, but not both.

Also, the description of LEP is not quite correct. Census respondents who indicate they speak a language other than English are asked to characterize how well they speak English ... their options include "very well" to not at all.

https://ask.census.gov/faq.php?id=5000&faqId=6159

In the measures section, I would distinguish dependent measures from independent measures.

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 declare that I have no competing interests.