Reviewer's report

Title: Health Literacy and Medical Care Costs in an Integrated Healthcare System: A cross-sectional cohort study

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This is a good study that reflects upon the impact of poor health literacy upon utilization. While, the study idea is not new, the use in a VA population is interesting. The conclusions are limited to the study results and it would be helpful if the authors have some suggestions/ideas on how to improve health literacy or communications to this population in order to see a difference in utilization patterns.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests