Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Meghana Aruru

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The topic is important and the impact of health literacy is well known. I have submitted my review previously but it seems it was not received by the editorial team. The authors should discuss what their suggestions are for mitigating the problems related to poor health literacy. The question isn't whether health literacy impacts outcomes. It is a beaten track. The findings are not new and certainly not surprising. However, the authors should take this a few steps further to examine the reasons behind poor health literacy and provide reasonable and workable solutions to address it in this particular population.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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