Reviewer’s report

Title: Measurement and explanation of socioeconomic inequality in catastrophic health care expenditure: evidence from the rural areas of Shaanxi Province

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Reviewer: Paul Marschall

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Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
None

Discretionary Revisions
In general, the paper is now acceptable for publication.
However,
1. from an economic perspective it is very important that you include the information which you provide in your reply also in the paper: This informs the reader about the currency conversion and the corresponding data sources.
2. Please also include the information about using the SAME currency conversion rate for both years also in the paper. This is quite important for the interpretation of your results.
3. Reexamine your answer to my comment about “Although health systems have made SOME improvements in alleviating CHE” (line 406). Based on your own study results it is not possible to draw a conclusion for many health systems! Please include references which confirm this statement.

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

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