Reviewer's report

Title: Healthcare Seeking Behaviour among Self-help Group Households in Rural Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, India

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This is an interesting study on the healthcare seeking behaviour among self-help group households. The strengths of this paper are its large-scale survey concerning 21,366 people and the important results of the survey concerning to. However there are some significant issues that need to be concerned.

Major compulsory corrections:

1. In the methods, the survey number is 21,366. Are all the surveys valid? Is the survey done by the way of one-by-one? Do the investigated people agree to accept the survey?
2. Are the survey places two India’s poorest states or three sites (Pratapgarh, Kanpur Dehat and Vaishali)? What is the relationship?
3. Are the patients choosing the providers just considering the two aspects (the costs and time)? Maybe some others are the more important influencing factors.
4. In the discussion, it is better to compare the results of yours with some other related researchers, so that the study will be more meaningful.
5. In the tables, the units of relevant variables are not very clear, such as the units of the data in table 1 and 2. And the methods expressed in tables are not very clear.

Minor Essential Revisions:

I consider that the last paragraph in the background part is not needed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.