Reviewer’s report

Title: Differences in health literacy profiles of patients admitted to a public and a private hospital in Melbourne, Australia

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I think this is an interesting and important article to be published. It shows the needs for better and more comprehensive ways to convey information about health care, especially for the patient with multiple comorbidities mental health and low level of physical activities.

Several weaknesses of the study have been written, particularly the low participant number among the Public Hospital in comparison to the Private hospital. This situation can bring potential bias in accuracy. The author has mentioned that the weaknesses would bias the result gathered from the Public Hospital towards better than reality, because one can assume that the ones who have the lowest literacy may opt not to participate in the study.

I have seen the Author tries to make sensitivity analysis in the first five lines of Table 1. the participant and the nonparticipant looked quite similar in several aspects. If these aspects can be broadened to include a parameter that shows socioeconomic level, this would be better.

Table three contained a lot of columns and rows. Perhaps the author can present in a different format, like graphs for instance. It is not easy for the readers to understand the table with the current format.
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