**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Determinants of inappropriate admissions of children to county hospitals: A cross-sectional study from rural China

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**Reviewer:** Roy Grant

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This revision has accommodated the major recommendations of the reviewers. I have some further edits to recommend:

Abstract, Methods, substitute "aged" for "aging". State the criteria for inappropriate admissions (which appears in the first sentence of the Background Section) before reporting data on inappropriate admissions in the Results Section.

Line 96, substitute "data show" for "shows" and review the paper to ensure that the word "data" is always treated as plural. This paragraph, beginning at line 84, is too long and should be broken into several paragraphs.

Line 175, this material should all be consistently written in past tense, "were" not "are"; line 184, "corresponded" not "correspond", etc.

Line 190, begin this sentence with "First," and delete "firstly" from the end of the sentence.

Line 225, after average age report age range in parentheses.

Line 305, there seems to be a missing word in this sentence. Add "more" so that it reads "more strained than before". The sentence beginning "Considering" should be rephrased so that it is less harsh in discussing parents of children who are ill, avoiding words like "unstable" and "uncontrollable"; "concerned" and "anxious" might be a better alternatives.

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