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Title: Outpatient Primary and Tertiary Healthcare Utilisation among Public Rental Housing Residents in Singapore

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - appropriate statistical analyses have been used in the study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable

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Probably - with minor revisions
GENERAL COMMENTS: This is an interesting study that examines the relationship between living in public housing and several measures of health care utilization in a region of Singapore. There is definitely a need for work in this area, and this is a methodologically sound paper. I had only minor comments.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

The study is very well done. I had only a couple of minor comments. First, there are some places where it becomes clear that the paper would benefit from one more round of revision for language / typos. I do not think the authors need an English language editing service. They just need to go back through carefully and fix a few things. One of these is saying "information" when "data" would be more appropriate. Also, it is a small point, but the period comes before the numeric superscripts for references.

The last point is that the selection of the number of visits for "frequent" users was not justified empirically. It would be nice to know how the authors settled on these thresholds.

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Yes

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