Reviewer’s report

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The authors have been responsive to the issues raised in the previous review, and the revisions are appropriate. There are only some minor / editorial revisions I would like to suggest.

1) I feel the term "higher utilisation" is more appropriate than "increased utilisation" since the analysis is one of comparison of cross-sectional levels of utilisation and not of their temporal change. This term is used in several places, including in the Conclusion of the Abstract.

2) In Figure 1 you state that out of 870k eligible patients in the System, you excluded 610k since they did not reside in the System. You have provided a valid explanation that this results from the System catchment area being unique in that it includes many tertiary and specialty hospitals that are unavailable in other regions of Singapore. You also mention that the converse trend - of residents of the System seeking care outside of System - is likely to be infrequent. I think it will be important to mention all this information in the Discussion section, possibly in the limitation section.

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