Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with access to health services and quality of life in knee osteoarthritis patients: a multilevel cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Gary Hooper

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This was a well written study assessing the health status of patients in Thailand who suffered from OA of the knee and generally provided sound and reasonable conclusions.

I would like to see some changes and additions to the methodology:

1 There needs to be a research question posed or an hypothesis raised in the introduction to give the research direction.

2 What randomisation technique was used to determine the entry to the study

3 Why only use "general hospitals/facilities" for access to "health professionals" whereas you have used the country to access patients

4 You point out that these results are only applicable to Thailand and I think this needs to be emphasised in the introduction

If these points can be addressed then I would favour acceptance.
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