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Ref: Submission ID 3de7b7bc-0635-4f4e-9e03-be166d6a743a

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Re: "Hospital utilization in Indonesia in 2018: Do urban-rural disparities exist?"

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Cristian Meghea
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Reviewer Comments:

Reviewer 1

This is a well done study examining differences in health/hospital care utilization between rural and urban areas in Indonesia. The data and methods are adequate to address this specific purpose. There is a major issue confounding interpretation of the results. The authors should provide information (and if possible include) a measure of health status in the the analysis if possible both in Table 1 and in Table 3.

If the people living in the rural areas have a healthier lifestyle and adequate food even though they are less wealthy they may have a higher health status than urban and more wealthy residents . It would be helpful to address this in the analysis OR at least acknowledge the lack of adjustment for health status. Yes, agree the analysis DOES show a disparity but is that a policy problem? Perhaps the rural residents are healthier and don't need hospital care. I would be very interested in an analysis that added a measure of self reported health (SRH) status each geographic to the regression model. In essence I am suggesting that the model is an under specified model related to predicting hospital utilization. Please do this or address this as a limitation in the discussion of limitations.

SRH is often assessed by a single-item health measure with five options: "very good," "good," "fair," "bad," and "very bad." and is a reasonable way to include a measure of the health of the person in an analysis. <https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1471-2458-13-320>

Actually one should want a population to have a healthy lifestyle, get appropriate preventive care and outpatient treatment and make LITTLE use of hospital care. High hospital care use could mean the health system for the population is not doing a good job of providing outpatient /ambulatory care.

Reviewer 2

The authors explore the urban/rural differences in hospital utilization in Indonesia.

Some suggestions to improve the manuscript:

- 1- I suggest rewording the interpretation of the Odds Ratios. For example, in the abstract, instead of using the word "chance", I recommend saying: the odds of using an inpatient facility in an urban area is 1.493 times the odds of using an inpatient facility in a rural area. And same throughout the rest of the paper when interpreting the results in terms of Odds Ratios.
- 2- I suggest citing the papers that have been referred to in the background review. Such as : "Several studies widely documented disparities in health services in studies in various countries. " Please cite the several papers you are referring to. or "One previous study in Indonesia that analyzed healthcare utilization among children under five found that children living in rural areas and from low-income families tended to choose primary health centers. " Whenever you report a finding from a previous study, please cite the paper(s) at the end of that sentence.
- 3- I recommend adding a paragraph at the end of the introduction that summarizes the gaps in the literature and how this paper contributes to addressing those gaps.
- 4-For the exposure variable, I recommend using "residence" instead of "housing".
- 5- The results section needs to be written more carefully. Since the outcome variable is binary (hospital use Yes/No), and main independent variable of interest is urban/rural residence, the results need to be interpreted in Odds Ratios as mentioned in comment #1 above.
- 6- For table 3, I recommend using the largest group as the reference group (ex. marital status, work, wealth). For example, for wealth, if the Middle group is the largest, I suggest using that group as the reference.
- 7- For the discussion section, instead of repeating the findings from the results section, I suggest presenting underlying meaning of your research, note possible implications in other areas of study, and explore possible improvements that can be made in order to further develop the concerns of your research.

I recommend a revise and review.



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