

Review of: "The Effect of Group-Based Family Orientation to Community Mental Health Services"

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This paper estimates the impact of IGS on readmission rates and cumulative lengths of stay. Overall, this is an interesting and important study. However, there are still shortcomings in the structure of the article and in the empirical analysis.

Here are my comments.

1. The introduction of IGS should be more detailed. Using the literature to introduce IGS may not be clear enough, perhaps by giving examples is better.
2. The method by comparing the mean values between groups is not reasonable. The current data structure is more suitable for difference-in-difference (DID) model for analysis, and it is suggested that the authors may consider changing the regression model to obtain more accurate estimation results.
3. The current article's discussion on economic significance is inadequate. In other words, the current results suggest that the IGS seems to be valid, but how valid is that program?
4. The analysis in the current article is also inadequate in terms of the data used by the authors. The heterogeneity of the impact of IGS from multiple perspectives, such as gender, age, and disease status, could be considered for further discussion.