
Peer Review File

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Review Comments:

Well-designed research method, detailed execution and calculation. Provide the evidence for the cost difference comparison. The limitation is also obvious for the small sample size and limited specialty.

The article targets a relevant topic. It is generally well written and well developed so far.

Comment 1: Provide the evidence for the cost difference comparison

Reply 1: We provide the evidence for this in the results section of our paper (page 8 lines 22-23, page 8 lines 25 – page 9 lines 1-2). If you would like more explicit evidence for this, we can respond and add to either the discussion or results section.

Changes in text: added sentence highlighting p-value on page 10 lines 19-20.

Comment 2: The limitation is also obvious for the small sample size and limited specialty.

Reply 2: This is very true. We had attempted to highlight the limited specialty limitation in the discussion, but can make it more clear if needed. We have also added a limitation about sample size.

Changes in text: page 11 line 9: changed “all” to “other”, which may be more in line with reviewer comment. Added 2 sentences page 11 lines 16-19 for sample size limitation: “Thirdly, given the limited number of video visits utilized at our institution, our study had a small sample size. In result, our study concluded an insignificant cost difference between traditional clinic visits and physician-led video visits. Further work utilizing a large number of visits may elucidate subtle differences”