Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors for recurrent injurious falls that require hospitalization for older adults with dementia: a population based study

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The authors carried out a retrospective analysis of admission records of over 32,000 dementia patients who had severe injurious falls. Appropriate analysis was done. The study showed increased risk in female subjects and age association. Although a retrospective data analysis, the authors did not include the injuries sustained. Subdural haematoma is a known cause of dementia following even trivial trauma, it would have been appropriate to mention this in the discussion. There was no mention of how dementia was diagnosed - the instruments and disease severity. It would have been useful if there was some information on the duration of dementia - acute vs. chronic disease. These issues point to the challenges of retrospective analysis for a condition like falls in the elderly. The authors alluded to the fact that there were no records of medications which are known to add to the risk of falling in older individuals.

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