Reviewer’s report

Title: Declining mortality following acute myocardial infarction in the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System

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Reviewer: Michel Burnier

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In this paper, the authors have analyzed the trends in mortality among patients admitted for acute MI in VA hospitals. Their results show a comparable decline in AMI mortality in VA and non-VA hospitals.

I do not have major revisions to suggest to this retrospective analysis. The limits of the study are clearly explained.

I do not have additional changes to propose at this stage.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.