Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating data linkage methods for linking routine electronic healthcare records

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Reviewer: Dick Heasman

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See attachment.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I work for the ONS (Office for National Statistics) who might benefit from the publication of this paper as it might point the way to better analysis of research datasets that have been compiled with the aid of data linkage.

One of the authors, Harvey Goldstein, has been of considerable help to ONS in the past, for instance contributing to several expert committees.

Apart from that I have no competing interests.