Reviewer's report

Title: Medication prescribing for asthma and COPD: a register-based cross-sectional study in Swedish primary care

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Reviewer: Shamil Haroon

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A substantial improvement on the previous draft!

Major compulsory revisions
1. In the introduction more background should be provided on medication prescribing for COPD. There is quite a lot on asthma but almost no mention of COPD. There should be some commentary on the discrepancy between diagnosis of COPD and prescriptions of drugs indicated for COPD.

Minor essential revisions
2. Abstract method: last sentence- change "performed" to "performance of."
3. Introduction, first paragraph: insert "and" between "national" and "international."
4. Introduction, end of first paragraph: give an example of a medication that is indicated for COPD but not asthma.
5. Methods, study population: change "journals" to "records."
6. Methods, analysis: Delete the first sentence (it's superfluous)- "the analysis plan...secondary outcomes."
7. Methods, analysis: replace "correlation" with "the difference." Also delete "reasons for prescription;".
8. Results, paragraph 4: replace "weight average" to "weighted mean."
9. Discussion, paragraph 2, last sentence: change "previous" to "previously."
10. Discussion, paragraph 5: "Among the individuals where the medication..."
11. Figure 2 legend: "filled circle"

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests