Author's response to reviews

Title: Mortality following acute pancreatitis: social deprivation, hospital size and time of admission: record linkage study

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Dear Dr Morawska

Thank you for your e-mail. We are grateful for the comments provided and have responded in detail to both below:

Please find uploaded the revised manuscript with all revisions denoted in blue font.

Yours sincerely

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Reviewer's report:

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Introduction: “There is large variation in mortality following emergency admissions, including acute pancreatitis, across hospitals in the UK.” Some evidence is needed for this.

We have now provided references that show large variation in mortality across hospitals for emergency admissions, including acute pancreatitis (references 2-4, page 4, para 1, first sentence).

Editorial comments:

1. Please revise your ‘author contributions sections to specify the contribution of each individual author. At the moment some authors contributions are missing.

We have now specified the contribution of each individual author in more detail (page 25).

As you can see there are still minor changes required before we can pass your manuscript to the production team.

We would be grateful if you could address the comments in a revised manuscript and provide a cover letter giving a point-by-point response to the concerns.