Reviewer's report

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

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Major revisions
Table 2 is too big. I think it has to be divided into two. Also, the results described below the table should be transferred to the results in the text.

Minor revisions
In results, p 10, line 7: Change the last part of the sentence about unknown aetiologies to "In 29.5% (4359 cases) the aetiology was unknown."

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests