Reviewer's report

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

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Minor Essential Revisions

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

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 declare that I have no competing interests'