Reviewer's report

Title: Early and late mortality in elderly patients after hip fracture: a cohort study using administrative health databases in the Lazio region, Italy

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This is a well written paper on mortality after hip fracture based on more than 1-year follow-up of 6896 patients after hip fracture, assessing both probability of survival and risk of death within different periods from time immediately after up to 2 years after the hip fracture, as well as factors contributing to the increased mortality. The paper is recommended for publication, but the authors need to consider 3 minor points:

1. In the introduction, it is said that there are 3 main objectives with the paper - however, only 2 points are listed. Please clarify.

2. In the methods, details concerning the data collection is described in reference 21. Please check for correctness, and also observe a mistake in the reference itself.

3. Please correct a spelling mistake in reference number 31.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.