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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Minor Essential Revisions
It is not clear what “time since operation” means in P7. As a result, it is hard to understand the five categories of “elapsed time from admission to surgery and time after surgery”. Explain in detail.

The word “unadjusted” should be deleted in P9.

Discretionary Revisions
“HR” is not a popular acronym and should be spelled out at the first appearances in Abstract and text. Also, “significant (or significantly) HR>1 (or HR<1)” does not seem proper. Please consider “significant (or significantly) increase (or decrease)“.

Some of the references cited in the text are using “( )”, instead of “[ ]” (e.g. P7L4).

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.