Reviewer's report

Title: Patterns of comorbidity in community-dwelling older people hospitalised for fall-related injury: A cluster analysis

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This is a very clear and well-written paper that describes the clusters of chronic diseases that occurred in older adults who were hospitalized for fall injuries. The methods are well described and appear to be appropriate, the results are clearly presented, and the discussion and conclusions are supported by the data.

No revisions are required. However, it would be interesting if the authors could propose some of the underlying biological mechanisms for the association between the chronic conditions found in the identified clusters (e.g., diabetes and renal disease) and the increase risk of fall injuries.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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.