Reviewer’s report

Title: Short-term mortality after perforated or bleeding peptic ulcer among elderly patients. A population-based cohort study

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Reviewer: Isidoro Di Carlo

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General
The question posed by the authors is new and well defined. The methods are appropriate and well described. The data are sound and well controlled and manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found. Finally the writing is acceptable.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance 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