Reviewer's report

**Title:** Microbial Aetiology, Outcomes, and Costs of Hospitalisation for Community-Acquired Pneumonia; an observational analysis.

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The article is well written and follows the appropriate methodology. Furthermore there are few other recent studies that estimate the cost of hospitalisation for CAP.

In the discussion section, the authors note the differences between study results is differences in registration and individual resource item prices. While this may be true, there may also be differences in treatment between studies or the characteristics of the patients may differ.

In places there are minor English errors, such as omission of 'the' etc.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.