Reviewer's report

Title: Does comorbidity explain the ethnic inequalities in cervical cancer survival in New Zealand? A retrospective cohort study

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Thank you for the opportunities to review this manuscript titled "Does comorbidity explain the ethnic inequalities in cervical cancer survival in New Zealand? A retrospective cohort study" It is well written and interesting. Its ability to be interpreted and influencing of other populations however may be limited. In order to assist the reader, the author should describe details of Maori and Pacific women, Provide numbers re incidence and mortality for Cx Ca in New Zealand, re write the paragraph number two on page 6 beginning with "Comobidity was assessed..." because it is very unclear, and finally expand on mortality from other causes referenced in first sentence of discussion.

In summary, it is an interesting, well written report providing thought for those with similar difficulties and worthwhile ideas for expansion to other populations.

I would accept with minor essential revisions.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have nothing to declare-no competing interests