Reviewer's report

**Title:** Pediatric High-impact Conditions in the United States: Retrospective Analysis of Hospitalizations and Associated Resource Use.

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**Reviewer:** carlos suslik

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Comments, especially on the discussion and conclusions.
I believe that the conclusion could be more dense, based on data collected for the study and discussion, which is very appropriate

In conclusion we could emphasize in the main data of the work the importance of the degree of the hospital hierarchy, fundamental to the type of hospital, teaching children’s hospitals with developing a more important role in disease severity

Also worth noting the importance of the Medicaid program, which plays an important role for children with more severe disease. This is an important discussion, because this child will probably come later to the health system for their poor social conditions and without this program we could see a higher mortality of these diseases in children if they did not had access to this program and therefore not entitled to treatment in the health service. We could also see the comment of the difference in the proportion of patient days for children in Medicaid in relation to the percentage of children covered under the program with children who have access to HMO better placed in the discussion and especially in the conclusion.

**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