Reviewer's report

Title: Change in healthcare utilization and costs following initiation of benzodiazepine therapy for long-term treatment of generalized anxiety disorder: A retrospective cohort study

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In my initial assessment, I recommended the authors either to reconsider their design (and perform a new study on the basis of their initial proposal), either to lower their objective ambition, so that it could be supported by the current methods.

They chose the second option and the paper title, objective, results, discussion, and conclusion are now consistent.

I have no other modification to ask as I find the paper of good quality but, as previously indicated, I find that the information provided by the paper add little knowledge to the existing literature on the topic.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None