Reviewer's report

Title: Schizophrenia and potentially preventable medical and surgical hospitalizations in the United States: a retrospective cross-sectional Study

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This retrospective, cross-sectional study was to assess the association between schizophrenia and potentially preventable hospitalization for ACSC in U.S. It is an interesting study and provided a detailed examination of different ACS hospitalizations. The manuscript reads very smooth, was well organized, and the methods and conclusions are well accepted by this reviewer. There are two major comments and 4 minor points as follows:

Major Point:
1. Table 2. It would be more informative if a comparison can be conducted about the difference of each indicator between the two study groups, and report in the Result section only the significantly different indicators.

2. Page 10, last paragraph: Table 1 and 2 showed that the “with Schizophrenia” group had higher proportion of CHF diagnosis respectively. This information should be included in your discussion about the decreased odds of hospitalization for CHF for the schizophrenia group in the last paragraph of page 10.

Minor Point:
1. Page 5, last paragraph: provide a citation after “Billings,”.

2. Page 9, 2nd paragraph: provide a citation for “Li’s study….”

3. Page 11, 2nd paragraph, 4th line: consider replace “only” by a different adjective word.

4. Page 13, Table 1: the male, female percentage for the “with schizophrenia” group does not add up to 100%.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.