Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of hip fracture incidence and trends between Germany and Austria 1995-2004: An epidemiological study

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In an epidemiological study the author’s compared the incidence of hip fractures between Germany and Austria. For the Austrian incidence data they used the discharge diagnosis register provided by the Austria Statistics. At my knowledge in Austria patients after hip fractures were discharged twice, threefold,.. from different hospitals. Therefor you may receive 3 discharge diagnosis for one patient. For Germany I have no information. I am not convinced if the results are correct. The authors should examin these results. They should describe why one discharge diagnosis may be compareable to one Person.

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 interest.