Reviewer's report

Title: Reliance on social security benefits by Swedish patients with ill-health attributed to dental fillings: a register-based cohort study

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Discretionary Revisions
1. The statistic analyses now seem to be appropriate for the data material. I just wished that the authors would interpret the results a bit better - to make it easier for the reader to understand. First it would be helpful with p-values (or C.I.) in the tables (especially table 2). Secondly an interpretation of the coefficients in table 2 would have been nice. What does beta=0.9673 mean? Finally, the explanation of the included interaction term (cohort*time) should be explained earlier in the result section.

2. It is still a bit confusing with the way the cohorts are addressed:
   the cohort of dental fillings
   the replacement cohort
   the cohort who applied for subsidised filling replacement
   the general population (this one is now clear!)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.