Reviewer's report

Title: A one-year observational study of all hospitalized and fatal acute poisonings in Oslo: Epidemiology, intention and follow-up

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Major compulsory revision
1. In the Discussion it is stated that “A major strength of this study is that it is …. performed within a defined geographical area (capital)”. However, in the methods it is stated that “Permanent residency outside Oslo was not an exclusion criterion.” and “As Akershus University Hospital also treats patients from outside Oslo, the latter patient group was excluded.” Please clarify.

Minor essential revisions
2. The change made for paracetamol sales have been described differently throughout the paper.
   - in the abstract “change to over-the-counter sales of paracetamol outside pharmacies” and “introduction of over-the-counter sales”
   - in the background “after the introduction of OTC sales”
   - in the discussion “the introduction of OTC sales”
   - in the conclusion “introduction of OTC sales of paracetamol in packages of 10 g”

I assume that the true change was that paracetamol was available over-the-counter outside pharmacies in packages of 10 g. Is that correct? Please harmonize.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests