Major Compulsory Revisions

This is an excellent manuscript that deals with an important health issue. However the authors have still not revised the manuscript to address a point made by two reviewers. This relates to the fact that recent evidence in other countries have suggested a decreasing incidence and mortality of AAA (New Zealand, Australia and England and Wales). This manuscript in its current form only discusses historical epidemiological data from other countries and as such may be misleading for readers.

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.