Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Ann-Sofi Duberg

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The authors have now answered to my original criticisms and made the changes needed.

By now my only comments are:

Table 1, I miss a footnote to tell if all figures are based on the 370,137 individuals eligible for analysis or on the 405441 before applying the 12 month lag time.

Discussion part, at the end of limitations the authors added discussion on the death register data. I agree that death register can be considered reliable for date of death but probably not that reliable when it comes to cause of death based on a death certificate. How many of the patients had an autopsy? In Sweden only 12% of all deaths... As you have already written, few patients die from acute viral hepatitis, they die from chronic liver disease (or something else) if they survive the drug abuse.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests