Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in incidence and costs of upper extremity injuries in The Netherlands between 1986 and 2008

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The present manuscript is well written and provides additional information on the epidemiology of these injuries affecting younger and older age groups. The authors, using a national population database have examined the incidence and cost of upper extremity injuries. The study results are consistent with other investigations showing an increase in wrist and forearm fractures among postmenopausal women and in younger age groups.

Reviewing the manuscript, I found a minor error in the abstract section. The statement should say that upper extremity injuries increase by 13%. Overall, the study should be considered for publication in its present format.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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