Reviewer's report

**Title:** Application of the COOP/WONCA charts for aged patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in comparison between Japanese and Chinese populations

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**Reviewer:** Ian S Pagano

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The research is sound and well defined. It is a welcome addition to the current lore. I answer yes to all of the questions below.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
3. Are the data sound?
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5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
9. Is the writing acceptable?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.