Reviewer's report

Title: The Queensland experience of participation in a national drug use evaluation project, Community-acquired pneumonia - towards improving outcomes nationally (CAPTION)

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Reviewer: Tom Marrie

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This is a paper that describes the methods used to conduct a national quality improvement project for CAP in the Emergency Depts of hospitals in Australia. The experience of one state is given in this paper. The key questions of whether quality improved and whether the investment was worthwhile are not the subject of this paper. Instead this paper lays the ground for subsequent such papers.

Minor Essential Revisions

The ED dept physician's diagnosis of pneumonia was accepted. Did the physician read the chest radiograph or was it required that a radiologist read the radiograph before this diagnosis was accepted. If the ED physician read the radiographs then it likely that up to 40% of the patients would not have met the conventional definition of pneumonia.

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:

I declare I have no competing interests.