Reviewer's report

Title: Occurrence and quality of anticoagulant treatment of chronic atrial fibrillation in primary health care in Sweden: a retrospective study on electronic patient records

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General

The manuscript has been significantly improved.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Remove from the Conclusion section of the Abstract and Discussion Section the assertion that there was a gender difference in use of warfarin favoring men. Without any multivariable analysis performed, it is premature to conclude that it is gender rather than differences in demographic characteristics or comorbidity that explained the observed differences.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The conclusions drawn regarding whether the observed rate of warfarin use is only minor underuse should be tempered given the inability to identify an eligible population without potential contraindications. These results may suggest rather than "indicate" that the degree of warfarin underuse is modest.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None