Reviewer’s report

Title: The use of regional platforms for managing electronic medical records for the production of regional public health indicators in France

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

The whole article is messy, the content does not cover the expectations generated by the title.

Tha article is full of statements that are not supported by data and it is totally unclear which work was actually performed by the authors.

The proposed method of "data mining" is far too vague and has apparently not been tried by the authors themselves.

So neither on the architecture proposal nor on effective data exploration is this article conclusive, convincing or credible.

- Minor Essential Revisions

Improvement of the English! Many minor mistakes, such as the frequent use of "textual information" should be "text- or text formatted information" ...

- Discretionary Revisions

Complete rewrite essential, after the authors have done some real work themselves!

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests