Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluating the Risk of Patient Re-identification from Adverse Drug Event Reports

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The paper “Evaluating the Risk of Patient Re-identification from Adverse Drug Event Reports” presents an in-depth analysis of how re-identification can occur when a broadcaster matches the available ADE report with an obituary database.

The paper has many strengths: the problem is well formulated and motivated, the re-identification risk is well introduced and the experimental section shows the validity and the usefulness of the approach.

The authors answered all my previous comments and I recommend acceptance.

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 that I have no competing interests