Reviewer’s report

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Most of the issues raised in my previous review have been addressed. One concern persists, however. The definition of mortality rate (page 8, line 1, and again on page 11) is described as the 'average number ... per 1000 admissions'. Surely the rate for any one hospital in any year is the TOTAL number of deaths per 1000 admissions. That this has then been averaged across hospitals in presenting the data, does not affect the definition.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests