Reviewer's report

Title: Is hospital discharge administrative data an appropriate source of information for cancer registries purposes? Some insights from four Spanish Registries

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This revised version of the manuscript is much stronger and made most needed revisions. The limitations of the methods and data were made clearer, even if the response letter did not address an issue I raised previously about use of only surgical codes, but not other codes, such as radiotherapy.

Major compulsory revisions:
In the definition of an incident case, the authors exclude metastatic disease, but couldn't someone initially present with metastatic disease? Please justify.

Minor essential revisions:
1. The authors still have some language/grammar issues in the paper that should be revised. Is there a BMC editor who manages this?
2. The sentence "All processes were programmed..." should be deleted just before the Analysis section.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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. HTG