Reviewer's report

Title: Drug-related admissions and hospital-acquired adverse drug events in Germany: a longitudinal analysis from 2003 to 2007 of ICD-10-coded routine data

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This report poses a reasonable question - In Germany, what is the frequency of hospital DRG administrative codes that likely or possibly represent adverse drug events (ADEs) from 2003 to 2007. The methods are reasonably described. The data are probably sound.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Methods - Identification of relevant ICD-10-Codes Please include as an appendix the list of ICD codes used in each category A1-E.

- Minor Essential Revisions
None

- Discretionary Revisions
None

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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