Reviewer's report

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MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Last part (from 'In this study...' after ref (10)) of the long paragraph 'Longer admission....' under 'Background' is about methods in the study and should be separated from the paragraph above as a new paragraph, or moved to the method section.

The different parts of the Discussion should be more clearly marked with subheadings, making the organisation of the discussion more easy to see.

Table 1 may benefit from changing rows and columns, making a text table with fewer columns that may be more easy to read as it would allow more text on each line in each cell.

Name of statistical method should be written in the tables or as a footnote below tables.

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.