Reviewer’s report

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Discretionary revision

Some of the limitations should be noted: as this study is based on a predefined administrative data base, they could not evaluate the severity of diseases by this means or that of indexes like APACHE or other similar tools.

Authors should be included references to similar studies than have been made in Europe, with consistent results:


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

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'