Reviewer's report

**Title:** Place of death and health care utilization for people in the last 6 months of life in Switzerland: a retrospective analysis using administrative data

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**Reviewer:** Steffen T Simon

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Many thanks for the opportunity to review the comments and the manuscript again.

Most comments are fine with me.

However, I am still not convinced about the last one - definition of PoD by last claim. I do not understand how to get accurate information about the real PoD by extrapolating the place by the origin of the last claim. This needs further explanation because the last claim might not be from the same origin where the patient die. Or do I understand it wrong?

Thanks for more information about this.

And I still think that this limitation needs more discussion re risk of bias.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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