Reviewer's report

Title: Cancer diagnosed by emergency admission in England: an observational study using the General Practice Research Database

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The impact of route to cancer diagnosis is an important public health topic. Authors recognize the importance of focusing on different cancer types separately (they cite Palser et al 2013 on impact of route to diagnosis in oesophagogastric cancer patients in England) but they firmly remark that the present work is intended as a general overview on the phenomenon.

Authors recognize the limitations of a statistical analysis relying on an automatic approach to model selection but they decide to leave it unchanged.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.