Reviewer's report

Title: Referral from Secondary Care and to Aftercare in a Tertiary Care University Hospital in Japan

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Typo: Abstract, Results: should be "admitted" (not double "d"

P4 just befor "Referral to aftercare"
Subdivide patients into two groups: DPC for surgical treatment is used as one criterion. However, the authors have stated that surgical cases were not included.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

P 3, Data "34 paediatric inpatient wards beds in wards for children"
The number of beds would appear to indicate only one ward. Please check.

DPC for complications is not necessary an indicator for the complexity of the case. Better indicators should be used for future studies.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.