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Discretionary Revisions

1. Although the authors provide a reference to a previous publication that describes the record matching process and its efficacy there is significant information that has not been provided. Neither the referred publication nor this manuscript provide details of the total number of records held in the 13 SAIL datasets. The previous publication only examined 3 datasets. It would be informative to the reader to be told the total number of records in each datasets, how many individuals these relate to and how effective the linkage process has proved for the additional datasets.

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.