Reviewer’s report

Title: Intra-operative red blood cell transfusion and mortality after cardiac surgery

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Reviewer: Tobias Piegeler

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In their manuscript, entitled "Intra-operative red blood cell transfusion and mortality after cardiac surgery" the authors are retrospectively evaluating the impact of intraoperative transfusion of blood products on outcome in patients undergoing cardiac surgery in a Dutch hospital from 2011 to 2014.

Apparently the current version of a manuscript is a revised version after a first round of reviews. The authors have responded well to all the reviewers' suggestions and have changed/adapted their manuscript accordingly.

The overall idea of the study is very interesting and the manuscript is well-written. The presentation of the results is sufficient, the discussion is adequate and puts the results into context.

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