Reviewer's report

Title: Using routine clinical and administrative data to produce a dataset of attendances at Accident and Emergency Departments following self-harm

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This manuscript is well-written and presented, and it reports on a major topic in the field of nonfatal self-harm. The potential for utilising routinely collected healthcare datasets for conducting epidemiological research on this topic has yet to be fully realised. This paper therefore serves as an important information source for the routine datasets that cover the large urban population of South London, England.

Major Compulsory Revisions: None.

Minor Compulsory Revisions: None.

Discretionary Revisions: In my view the authors have used rather too many acronyms, and the manuscript would be more appealing and easier to read if some them were omitted. For example, is it necessary to use acronyms for each of the hospital names, and also for the electronic health record (EHR)?

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