Reviewer’s report

Title: Cause-specific mortality estimates for Malaysia in 2013: Results from a national sample verification study using medical record review and verbal autopsy

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This is a well-designed and well-written study. I only have minor concerns for authors' reference.

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