Reviewer’s report

Title: The Mortality Risk Factor of Community Acquired Pneumonia Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease: A Retrospective Cohort Study

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Reviewer: Silvia Terraneo

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for editing your manuscript that is now clearer. However I still do have some comments:

ABSTRACT

The abstract is now clearer and easier to follow. I suggest adding where the study was conducted (i.e. […] at two hospital "IN CHINA") and the months of the study (Jan-Jun) in addition to the years. Thanks for adding the percentage referred to COPD patients, the first decimal will be enough (as you reported at the beginning of the discussion). I suggest removing percentages from the IQR of the scores.

MAIN TEXT

Introduction:

Lines 4-8: your sentences refer to two different studies (as indicated by the references) but it's not clear. This is to be better explained.

You better clarified the aim of the study. Nevertheless, in my opinion, at the end of the introduction, the sentence "the aim […] to find the mortality risk factors to assess the COPD patients hospitalized with CAP" is not clear. The mortality risk factors are not something "to assess" a patient, please clarify.

Statistical analysis: page 8 line 8, you should remove "such as pre-albumin level"

Results: page 11, lines 4-10, please insert the reference to Table 3.

The information in results section "Patients characteristics" is somehow redundant since it is reported in Table 1, please underline only the most significant in the text.
You should provide the data of PSI and CURB in Table 1.

The sentence structure is not always correct the whole manuscript needs an English editing.

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