Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of diabetes on hospital admission and length of stay among a general population aged 45 year or more: a record linkage study.

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Reviewer: Daniel J Rubin

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1. It should be stated in the abstract and methods that this was a prospective cohort study.
2. It is stated: The sequence blocks were designed to take into account transfers and same day readmissions.
   Does this mean that transfers and same day readmissions were not counted as unique admissions? If so, this should be stated.
3. "We included all variables associated with diabetes in the univariate analysis."
   This should be stated in the methods.
4. Were the final models based on statistical significance, clinical significance, or something else? this should be stated in methods.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests