Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

The authors have responded very well to most of reviewers' comments. However, the authors appear to have misunderstood my first comment. I was not referring to patients who died in hospital. I was referring to patients who died within 30 days after hospital discharge. These patients were discharged from the hospital but could not be readmitted. These patients may share characteristics of patients at high risk of hospital readmission but appear to have been included in the non-hospitalised group. Therefore, I recommend the authors clarify how these patients were considered in their analyses.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

None