Reviewer's report

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Discretionary revisions

1. Line 140: Would like more details on compliance rates for collecting discharge data.
2. Would like more details on which hospitals were excluded from discharge reports. Are these just public hospitals?
3. Lines 218, 226 refers to “weak relationships” but not sure what this means. Relationships are weak because of statistical tests or percent differences across groups?
4. Table 1, blank cells for use of inpatient care in 2007 are actually zeros, correct?

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.