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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The main strengths of this manuscript is that it addresses an interesting and timely question, finds a novel solution based on a carefully selected set of rules, and provides a clear answer. As such, this article represents an excellent and elegant epidemiological study. Even though the classifiers developed for health burden appear to be more robust than said previous parameters, they remain only general indications that can only allow statistical considerations. Of course, it could be argued that this is good enough to draw meaningful conclusions in this specific case where there is a paucity of data on the burden of mortality and health care utilization for these patients. I thought this might help readers understand what the main economic burden represented. The authors have made these data easily accessible in the manner presented.