Reviewer’s report

Title: Measuring the burden of herpes zoster and post herpetic neuralgia within primary care in rural Crete, Greece

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I would like to mention that there are very few original research articles on the subject. Furthermore the study is planned and conducted by primary care physicians.

The data set could be much better with a better selection criteria and more patients/GPs. The sample size is too small to generate the results, and there may be a selection bias as the authors are aware of it. The authors mentioned the weaknesses of the study in the article.

Good subject, better to publish it as there is a lot of effort despite the problematics in the primary care infrastructure of the country. Expert input makes a

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