Reviewer's report

Title: Symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease in severely mentally retarded people: a systematic review.

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Reviewer: Peter Malfertheiner

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This is a systematic review about GERD symptoms in severely mentally retarded people that provides important information in the great field of GERD. Although there were difficulties in comparison of the different studies I have no significant criticisms of this manuscript. Nevertheless this review visualizes the necessity of further prospective studies to better evaluate the symptoms of mentally retarded people to alleviate their complaints and to improve their quality of life.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'