Reviewer's report

Title: Disease burden of herpes zoster in Sweden - predominance in the elderly and in women- a register based study

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The authors have responded to my concerns, adequately - though their reply to my last query is not entirely correct. In SE Asia, particularly Singapore, VZV reactivation is quite common and quite frequent in this tropical Chinese population - though this is less relevant for their study report.

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