Reviewer's report

Title: Daytime sleepiness in Japanese patients with multiple system atrophy: prevalence and determinants

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Major compulsory revision - none

Minor essential revisions
1. Page 10, paragraph 2, line 8: I suggest adding the words "in other studies" after the words "obstructive SAS", so clarify the point that this study has diverging results.

2. My point 5 in Minor Essential Revisions in the first review was not adequately corrected. I requested changing the original ref 22 such that it reflects the method of calculation of Levodopa Equivalent Dose for ALL dopamine agonists used by the patients in the current study. However, the replacement new ref 23 has nothing to do with Levodopa Equivalent Dose; also, the authors cite a theoretical formula for calculating Levodopa Equivalent Dose (page 6 last two lines and page 7 first two lines) which does not take into consideration pramipexole taken by one of the participants in the study.

3. There are misspellings in ref 25: 5th ed, not 5rd ed; Philadelphia, not Philaderphia.

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I declare that I have no competing interests