Reviewer's report

**Title:** Caregiver burden in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is more dependent on patients’ behavioral changes than physical disability: a comparative study.

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**Reviewer:** Ettore Beghi

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Major compulsory revision

The authors addressed my major query only in part. I may understand that to have a clear idea of the representativeness of the study population is difficult. However, the authors certainly know how many caregivers were contacted in the mail survey. Providing the proportion of responders would give us a better idea of the representativeness of the sample.

This point along with the characteristics of the ALS population (in comparison with the general ALS population) should be discussed because the implications of the authors' findings are strictly dependent on the representativeness of the interviewees' and patients' sample.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.