Reviewer’s report

Title: Usability of DBS therapy controllers in elderly patients

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The subject of the study is not seems to be actual. Our group had no any complaints or difficulties in handling with controller within five years at elders. Patient training with a DBS nurse has solved all problems to date. On my opinion, the existing controller is simple and conforms to its purpose. It does not require modification.

The authors check and prove an a priori obvious point that the video-training is better, than the reading of instructions in older people. However, that training had only the short-term effect and after 6 months both groups had appeared similarly use controller, and insignificantly differ in terms of mistakes.

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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.