Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence and prevalence of multiple sclerosis in Europe: a systematic review

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The aim of this paper is to systematically review the literature on the frequency (prevalence and incidence) of Multiple Sclerosis in Europe in order to give a quantitative estimation of the disease frequency within the Continent. In addition the review includes an assessment of the quality of each study by means of a tool specifically designed.

The review has been conducted following a well designed methodological approach. The results are clearly described and the comments are adequate.

One important limitation, as underlined by the authors, is the exclusion of publications in English or French.

In conclusion, this is a very interesting study for which I have any definite concern.

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 have no competing interest.