Reviewer's report

Title: Mental comorbidity and multiple sclerosis: validating administrative data to support population-based surveillance

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The present article is an extension of this group's efforts to provide reliable definitions of various comorbid conditions using administrative/claims data. As mental health issues are common in MS methods to better identify these cases at the population level are important. The paper is well written and justified. My major concern is the length of the paper, particularly the Discussion. As this is methods paper I think it will be better served for the authors to keep the bulk of Discussion related to the actual procedural details and results relative to the literature.

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

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 interests to declare.