Reviewer’s report

Title: Limb-Onset Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Patients Visiting Orthopedist Show a Longer Time-to-Diagnosis since Symptom Onset

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Reviewer: Peter Berlit

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This is a retrospective study focussing on the delay of diagnosis of ALS. The described difference between patients with bulbar onset and limb onset has been published frequently. The significant delay caused by consulting the "wrong" specialist (i.e. orthopedics) in limb onset ALS is a new and relevant finding.

The first sentence of the results section of the abstract needs explanation: What is meant with the examination of 78 patients, when the total number of ALS cases is 202?

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests