Reviewer's report

Title: Self-reported parkinsonian symptoms in the EPIC-Norfolk cohort

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Reviewer: Yoav Ben-Shlomo

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General

The revised paper has taken on board my comments and I feel is improved. I have only two comments.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors have now included a new table 2 which reports characteristics of missing respondents. However they only present the frequency distribution amongst missing subjects in table 2 and a p-value. To interpret this one needs to also refer to the distribution amongst the respondents. It would be better to present the data as odds ratios, 95% CIs and p-values given that they undertook logistic regression analyses to examine for patterns of missingness.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

I note that the numbers and percentages for the revised table 3 now differ from that presented in the original version. Could the authors explain what has changed.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests: 'I declare that I have no competing interests'