Reviewer's report

Title: European Consensus Statement on Diagnosis and Treatment of Adult ADHD

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The European Network Adult ADHD aims to increase awareness of and improve knowledge and patient care for adults with ADHD across Europe. This reviewer agrees with the main conclusion of the Consensus Statement concludes that despite ADHD being a prevalent and impairing lifelong condition in adults, it is currently under diagnosed and undertreated in many European countries with its attendant detrimental consequences to patients, families and society.

This reviewer also believes that this statement largely applies to pediatric ADHD as well. Although better recognized than adult ADHD, beyond a few notable exceptions like The Netherlands and Germany, there is little evidence that pediatric ADHD is a well recognized and treated in most European countries.

It is not clear the order of treatment proposed in the recommended algorithm. In addition, more clarity should be offered in matching the proposed treatments to the individual characteristics and needs of individual patients.

The discussion of first and second line treatment is debatable. Second line treatment implies that it should be reserved only for patients who failed the fist line treatment which it is not the case for medicines approved for ADHD. It may be more appropriate to present the information as treaters first and second choice.

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 declare that I have no competing interests