Reviewer's report

Title: Persistence of pharmacological treatment into adulthood, in UK primary care, for ADHD patients who started treatment in childhood or adolescence

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The present study is useful for a number of reasons. First it is based on a large epidemiological database from the UK primary care Health Support Network (THIN). Second, the information about ADHD patients who are perceived by their primary care physicians as requiring medication after age 18 addresses a controversial issue in a number of countries both inside and outside the UK, where adult ADHD remains a controversial condition. As the authors point out further information about comorbidity is required, but the present information represents a start in a complex area of public health research, albeit based on prescribing practices specific to the UK.

The study is well-described and the analysis meets epidemiological standards. The title and abstract are suitable and the writing is acceptable.

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.