Reviewer's report

**Title:** High prevalence of diabetes, depression, anxiety, hypertension, asthma and COPD in the total population of Stockholm, Sweden - a challenge for public health

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**Reviewer:** John JC Carstensen

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This is a good paper and I have only two comments of 'minor essential revisions' type.

The first concerns the authors suggestion (p 13-14) of a possible survival bias leading to an underestimation of (for example) the COPD prevalence. This should not be a problem if one interpret their results as point prevalences (31 dec 2011) which I think is more reasonable with this design.

The second is related to the discussion about the effect of health care system. There is an interesting and important paper about the effect of reimbursement system on diagnosis registration from the same group that published ref. 37. (Hjerpe et al. Increased registration of hypertension and cancer diagnoses after the introduction of a new reimbursement system. Scand J Prim Health Care 2012; 30(4):222-8.) I think this should also be mentioned as a potential methodological problem.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests