Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of multimorbidity of chronic diseases in Australia

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Reviewer: richard ruffin

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Include a rating of quality of the data reviewed e.g. GRADE or develop own and apply retrospectively. Incorporate this rating into Methods and Results tables.
2. Include “awareness of disease co-morbidity to public and professions” as an interim in the Abstract, Discussion & Conclusions.
3. The search strategy needs to be in the Methods and not as a Table.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. How many State Dept of Health data bases were interrogated?
2. Line 21 p13 “This lack” should be “The number”
3. Line 19 p15 “other” should be “over”

Discretionary revisions
1. Consider table of potentially relevant papers obtained and how many had full text retrieved
2. Reduce length of Discussion “made easier if you grade quality of information.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

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