Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors for operated carpal tunnel syndrome A multicenter population-based case-control study

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The paper is of some interest but perhaps it would have been better to simply enrol females and enrol a far larger number. The authors have tried to analyse several subgroups and the numbers in each group inevitably end up very low. A 74% response rate is also a concern. I am not sure the paper offers so much that is new but readers will be interested in its conclusions.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.