Reviewer's report

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The authors provide a superficial and unreferenced justification for excluding non-European studies. I am not convinced by their arguments. They should note that there have been useful analyses carried out to explore heterogeneity in the acute effect of PM on mortality (Samoli et al, EHP 2008;116(11):1480-1486). The authors should expand their manuscript to make it a more meaningful contribution.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.