Reviewer’s report

Title: The prevalence of clinically-relevant comorbid conditions in patients with COPD: a cross-sectional study using data from NHANES 1999-2008

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Schnell and colleagues present a ms entitled " The prevalence of clinically-relevant comorbid conditions in patients with COPD: a cross-sectional study using data from NHANES 1999-2008".

The research topic is of interest. Methods are sound. The limitations of this study (no spirometry) are adequately discussed. In general, the ms is very well written. The presented results confirm previous studies in the field and underline the need to implement comorbidities of COPD in decision making and guideline development.

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'