Reviewer’s report

Title: Type 2 diabetes is not a risk factor for the carpal tunnel syndrome

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Reviewer: Russell Gelfman

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The authors have responded to most of the concerns. The following issues remain:

Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Methods, line 90 – sensible, consider using sensory.
Methods, line 95 – electrophysiological, consider using electrophysiologically.
Data Sources, line 112 – specialism, consider using specialty

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The main concern with this study remains the choice of control group. There are studies which suggest a relationship of obesity (not just DM) to lumbar disk herniations requiring surgery:
And as a risk factor for sciatica:
I would recommend a more detailed critique of these relationships, not just on the possible relationship between DM and HNP.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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