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Major Compulsory Revisions

1) The key issues that the authors do not present in the data collection and analysis section are any parameters for determining acceptable usability, such as the number of expected registrants, the ratio of those who provide data to those how completed the consent only as well as the ration of those who provide complete data to those who provide partial data. It is informative that they provide in the results section a comparison of the employment status of the respondents to UK residents but a description of that analysis should have included in the methods section.

2) The descriptive data on demographics, MS and diagnosis, education and employment and household arrangements are presented in a straight-forward manner. More complex analyses of, perhaps, the relative scores achieved on the standardized measures by disease type would enrich the manuscript and make the quality of the data more convincing.

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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.