Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence estimates of multimorbidity: a comparative study of two sources

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This paper is much better after revision.

Major Compulsory revisions - none

Minor essential revisions-

Only one. My previous request no.5.2 was to (re)state the fact that you did not adjust for the cluster in this study in the Methods, and to raise this as a limitation (with unlikely affect) in the discussion. I can only find one reference to adjustment. In the method- lst paragraph of page 7, you say we estimated age-specific and sex specific prevalence, without adjustment and subsequently calculated age-standardized prevalence...." This is not clear - adjustment for what? Please add 'without adjustment... for the cluster sample study design". I still want this raised in the discussion as a limitation without likely effect on the findings in terms of the differences in results from the two methods - because the differences were so large.

Discretionary revisions - none.

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.