Reviewer’s report

Title: Tinnitus treatment options: Online questionnaire of general practitioners and ENT physicians within Europe and the USA

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- Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The tables are confusing, especially table 6, which has 7 lines of data but only 6 labels (to the left). In general it is difficult to understand what the numbers refer to in several of tables, (percentage of what?). Also, the sums of the percentages give in some of the tables are in places more than 100 (see for example table 4). This may be all right but it needs an explanation.

- Minor Essential Revisions

- 2. The diversity in treatment is discussed but it should perhaps place more emphasis on the diversity in the disease itself.

- 3. Last sentence page 3: There are published detailed guidelines for treatment (such as those published by the “Tinnitus Research Initiative” (TRI), and reproduced in A.R. Moller et al eds "Textbook of Tinnitus", 2010

- 4. Last paragraph on page 15: "... important role of GPs and ENTs in the diagnosis and management ....other specialties' are less frequently consulted". The last statement is undocumented.

- 5. It should be pointed out that audiology is a subspecialty of ENT, whereas it is a independent specialty in other countries (such as the USA).