Reviewer’s report

Title: Awareness of limited joint mobility in type 2 diabetes in general practice in the Netherlands: an online questionnaire survey

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Reviewer: Lilli Herzig

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Thank you for giving me to review this interesting paper on joint mobility as a complication of diabetes 2.

The paper is well written, the method is clear and well conducted and the results are interesting.

However, there is one major comment:

The problematic of an association between limited joint mobility and diabetes is explored since the 1950 years, with different methods, populations, definitions, prevalence's and interpretations and without a clear consensus. Yet, the development of LJM may depend on a lot of different genetic, professional or societal factors, including diabetes. Also, the relation between diabetes and LJM may also be a co-founder effect?

Furthermore, a lot of your cited prevalence references come from India, China, Japan - so populations may not be comparable.

It seems therefore not surprisingly that systematic check for LJM in the upper extremities is not recommended in guidelines and not known by GPs or NP.

In this field of uncertainty, it seems special to address questionnaire with "right or wrong" answers - or "right or wrong" interpretation

Minor comments:

Method:

Please specify who and who the questionnaire was developed

Discussion

As mentioned above, maybe GP or NP do not screen for LJM because patient patients with such a symptomatology would surely speak about it spontaneous
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