Reviewer's report

Title: Contribution of chronic diseases to the disability burden in Belgium

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It's an interesting manuscript that reported the contribution of chronic diseases to the disability burden in Belgium. This manuscript has great strengths, one of them is the attribution method used at method section. I believe this manuscript should be published by BMC PUBLIC HEALTH, but after some points are reviewed and modified. Minor Revision is necessary.

General Comments:

Page 4. METHODS section.
Line 12. The authors must describe the exactly number of subjects (of each survey) were included.
From line 15 to line 17. The authors must describe at limitations section that the Belgian HIS data is not publicly available and the consequences of that.
From line 20 to 21. The authors should describe the interviewers characteristics (training, and interview procedure).

I really hope to re-read the article after the author’s review.

kinds regards.

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