Reviewer's report

Title: Herpes zoster-associated mortality in Europe: a systematic review

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The manuscript is aimed to review the mortality associated to herpes zoster in Europe. It is well written and give some insights in a neglected area.

I do not have major comments except than at line 19 of page 12: "HZ infection can increase the risk of subsequent diseases such as cancer, cerebrovascular disease or myocardial infarction and HIV" The sentence must be changed, maybe adding diagnosis of : HZ infection can increase the risk of subsequent diagnosis of diseases such as cancer, cerebrovascular disease or myocardial infarction and HIV.

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