Reviewer's report

**Title:** Macro and meso level influences on long term condition self-management: stakeholder accounts of commonalities and differences across six European countries

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Self-management in chronic diseases is hard work, and highly depends at the macro level on health system structure and organisations, as well as environmental policies. Self-management is not only at stake at the micro level (the individual and his/her "behaviours"), or even the meso-level in the interaction with health professionals or structures. This qualitative investigation study among varied stakeholders with comparison between countries yields important data on macro level issues, and highlights the need to extend more systematically at the macro level the research agenda on self-management.

**Minor Essential Revisions**

CIM : abbreviation to be defined

There are some typographical errors: line 126 : "focus on s of individual strategies"; line 717 : interve3ntions

**Discretionary Revisions**

References cited of the article are in majority from the same UK team as the authors. Results could be more discussed in light of other researches linking self-management with macro level issues (see Greenhalgh 2012), and of the existing relevant policies in the countries studies.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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