Reviewer’s report

Title: The patient experience of pulmonary hypertension: a large cross-sectional study of UK patients

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It is interesting to read a cross-sectional survey regarding the effect of PH on emotion and economic burden in UK. There are some concerns and comments regarding the study design and results.

1. Pulmonary hypertension (PH) includes idiopathic PH, secondary PH (such as secondary from left heart lung diseases, chronic hypoxic lung diseases and chronic thrombotic pulmonary diseases). Please define PH in this article.

2. The average age of survey responders is about 69. Comorbidities may affect QoL and economic burden very much. How to identify whether these effects are from PH other than comorbidities.

3. In QoL part, the author used "major impact", "some impact" and "no impact" to evaluate the effect of PH on daily life. Please describe the contents of the "QoL scales" used in this study and explain why the specific "QoL scales" was selected.

4. In evaluating specialist treatment, "62% rating their care 'excellent'", please give details the differences (treatment and management) between specialists and GPs.
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