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This manuscript titled "Diagnosis and management of lumbar spinal stenosis in primary care in France: a survey of general practitioners" has some worth, but is not suitable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. For my opinion, this manuscript is much better for the field of General practitioner.

1. As authors mentioned, only 90/330 (27.3%) GPs were available for analysis. This study was just a cross-sectional study. Participation rate was too low. In France, there are 88137 GPs, as authors described in line 110.

2. LINE 98-100: There are currently no national or international guidelines for the diagnosis and the treatment of people with LSS.

North American Spine Society has already published guideline for LSS. And Japanese Orthopaedic Association also has a clinical guideline for LSS but it is in Japanese.

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