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Gunilla Sydsjö, PhD (Reviewer 1):

The manuscript has improved. The comparison with a general population has added valuable information and strengthen this paper.

Thank you again for suggesting the comparison with the general population – this definitely has made the paper stronger.

Anne Kjersti Daltveit (Reviewer 2):

I am satisfied with the author's revision, although the text about the general population as now presented with references in the results would suit better in a separate section in the Discussion.
Thank you again for your comments on the previous version of the paper, those have really made the paper stronger. We discussed this idea but decided to stick with the comparison with the general population in the results section as suggested in the first review. Both reviewers made a very strong point in adding those comparisons and felt they should also be treated as a main finding which we think is absolutely correct.