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Validating the Portal Population of the United Kingdom Multiple Sclerosis Register

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Highlights

- Validation of a self declared MS Population with a clinically diagnosed one.
- We analysed the UK MS Register for a number of key characteristics. The internet (n=11,021) and clinical (n=3,003) populations were studied for key shared epidemiology. We found them to be closely matched for mean age at diagnosis (clinical=37.39, portal=39.28) and gender ratio (female %, portal=73.1, clinical=75.2)
- There is a representative population of people with MS in the online element of the UK MS – The MS Register can be treated as a valid instrument for Clinical and PRO research
- Kernel Density of the populations for Age can be seen below:

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