Reviewer's report

Title: Risk factors among people surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and their thoughts about lifestyle: A mixed methods study

Version: 1 Date: 1 July 2013

Reviewer: Veronika Reinhard

Reviewer's report:

This paper has the potential to provide useful information in risk factors among people surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrest and specially their thoughts about lifestyle and changes in lifestyle. Interesting and well designed was part of personal interviews. However there are some remarks I would like to point out.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. Age of the people included.
Age range 25-64 years comes from project MONICA. People who are not familiar with this project can not understand, why you have chosen such range of age. From years 200-2007 you have added also people aged 65-74 years. Why have you done such limitation was for me uncomprehended. The limitation in age is not mentioned in study limitations, although part of people who survived an OHCA-V is missing.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Table 1.
In same table you have used two different % calculations: on the first row of data the percentage shows which part of people who were alive 28 days after OHCA participated in interview, but in all other rows the calculated percentage shows proportion of named variable among one (people alive 28 days after OHCA) or other group (interviewed participants) of study subjects.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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 financial or non-financial competing interests.