Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of attrition on the representativeness of cohort studies of older people

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Reviewer: Andrea Marshall

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The authors have addressed all my comments, although I have are minor comments with regards to the response of 3 of these points:-

1. In response to major point 2, I would have also said explicitly said the aim of the paper in the background of the main text and not just in the abstract.

2. In response to major point 8 and correspondingly in the text, there are missing words in the final sentence after “only those with 95% confidence intervals” such as not containing one.

3. In response to major point 12 and correspondingly in text, “like” should be “likely” in the sentence “Women most likely to withdraw due to frailty...”.

In addition, the cross-referencing of the figures labels in the main text is not working and is in the manuscript as Error! Reference source not found”.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests