Reviewer's report

**Title:** Impact of valvular heart disease on daily living activity of nonagenarians: The Leiden 85-plus study

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**Reviewer:** Giovanni Gambassi

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MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISION

a. use consistently the term ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING beginning with title
b. at page 3, end of introduction, the word competence should be performance
c. in the introduction, avoid the attribute significant to valvular disease and define it in methods.
d. the first sentence of the limitations should be followed by the a statement about the differences between participants with and without echocardiography
e. the value reported in table for aortic stenosis is 12% although by adding them up you get 17% as illustrated in figure 1.
f. in its present form, figure 1 is simply a graphical representation of the data presented in table 3. I was originally suggest to provide an illustration of the most common combination of valvular disease. It seems obvious that most of the patients had more than one valve problem.

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests