Reviewer's report

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Two minor essential revisions:

1. Discuss accuracy of diagnoses of dementia in these data sources, perhaps in limitations section

2. Note in the abstract and discussion that these findings are from Finland and that cross national differences might influence results in other countries.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 competing interests'