Reviewer's report

**Title:** Labor force participation in later life: Evidence from a cross-sectional study in Thailand

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This is an interesting paper about the labour force participation in Thailand. The paper is well written and clear. I have a few suggestions to improve the paper.

1. I would like to see a separate paragraph on the Thai context in terms of labour market, retirement regulations and poverty. Most readers will be unfamiliar with retirement in Thailand.

2. I liked the descriptive analyses the authors provide. Many articles lack that type of information. I would suggest to present the age and sex effects in a figure that show who steep labor force participation drops with age according to sex. Not just three categories of age.

3. With regard to the analyses the authors might consider to analyse males and females separately and test for differences. It is well known that predictors of retirement differ between men and women.

4. There are some interesting results contradicting results in Europe, such as the effect of education, but also number of children. This is interesting. I know of one paper pointing to differences in Europe in the role of children in retirement. Velladics et al 2006 in Ageing and Society.

5. I also like to read a little more on the issue of work for pleasure or work at old age purely as a necessity. People age 75+ who work. Is this a free choice or what.

**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.