Reviewer's report

Title: Gender differences on the association of social support and social network with self-rated health status among older adults: a population-based study

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In the section of background, it should be noted that the previous research about social network and social support in Brazilian elderly. In addition, more recent reference should be referred.

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.