Reviewer's report

Title: Urinary incontinence and risk of functional decline in older women: Data from the Norwegian HUNT-study

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This is much easier to follow now.

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Paragraph 'functional decline'. In the present study - confuses things
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Results and discussion needs some more work

I would comment on the increase in comorbidities. You have shown an increase in stroke, hip fracture, diabetes and a concomitant increase in incontinence for example. You allude to this in your discussion but you do not use your findings to illustrate this. You also make no comment about the increase in urinary incontinence - this is a large increase and merits more comment.

I do not understand why you only have stats for arthritis in HUNT 2 but have Table 2 showing confounding Variables over 11 years. Where are your HUNT 3 data for arthritis?

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 I have no competing interests