Reviewer’s report

Title: Social Network Properties and Self-Rated Health in Later Life Comparisons from the Korean Social Life, Health, and Aging Project and the National Social Life, Health and Aging Project

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The manuscript titled "Social Network Properties and Self-Rated Health in Later Life Comparisons from the Korean Social Life, Health, and Aging Project and the National Social Life, Health and Aging Project" reported a study on social network of a group of older adults in Korea. I do believe the authors have very rich data and should have made a very substantial contribution to the field. However, I did not see their potential in the current submission. Hence, I would suggest a rejection, and the reasons are listed below.

1. Major Compulsory Revisions
   a. the manuscript was mainly descriptive, and making their contributions limited, and in my personal opinion, more in-depth analysis should be done. For example, when comparing KSHAP and NSHAP, the authors only speculate on different influential factors. Is it possible that (at least) some correlation or regression can be done to support their argument?

   b. when talking about the "importance of social network analysis for the study of older adults' health status", only Table 1 and 2 showed that how people in different health categories differed in terms of social network measures. While the authors never explained or try to shed light on the possibilities of such observed differences.

2. Minor Essential Revisions
   The introduction section was kind of weak, and the motivation for the current investigation was obviously lacking.

3. Discretionary Revisions
   The social network analysis was nice, however, the authors might consider adding more lines to define some core terminologies in the analysis, especially for those who are not so familiar with this type of analysis.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the
statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests