Reviewer's report

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The analysis of two separate subscales of the cognitive function measure presented in an appendix is helpful. The authors should include a one-two sentence statement in the body of the paper indicating that the cognitive function/mortality association existed for the two subscales on the cognitive function measure.

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 have no competing interests.