Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of Premature Mortality in Swedish Drug Abusers: A Prospective Longitudinal Study 1970 - 2006

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Reviewer: John Corkery

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I have now reviewed this second version in the light of my comments and those of the other reviewers - two of whom are close colleagues, and the authors' responses.

I think that the new version is a much more robust paper, far easier to read, and responds to all the major points raised. I now think it is suitable for publication.

May I suggest a few very minor presentational suggestions?

Page 15 - bottom line - number should be 0.87
Page 19 - para 2, line 11 - insert 'the' before UK
Table 2 - replace 'Sex' with 'Gender' so is consistent with text. p values in last column should be preceded by '0' to be consistent with rest of table.
Figure 1 - use same scale for y axis as is used in Figure 2.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests