Reviewer's report

Title: Socio-economic differences in life expectancy among persons with diabetes mellitus or myocardial infarction: results from the German MONICA/KORA study

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The authors changed their article in the desired direction. I only think they should adjust for diabetes when analysing LE for patients with infarction and the other way around if they analyse LE for patients with infarction. This should clearly be described in the analysis section.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

See my point above