Reviewer's report

Title: Socioeconomic inequalities in cause specific mortality among older subjects in France

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Specific comments:

The paper has improved much and I only have 5 minor comments:

1. I wonder if the word “subjects” in the title and throughout the paper could be replaced by the word “people”?

2. When referred to a specific age in the text I suggest this is followed by “years”; for example first para on page 2, line 4-5: “…with a special emphasis on subjects aged 75+” is then “…with a special emphasis on subjects aged 75 years and older”.

3. Methods, first para: This sentence is redundant as this is specified more detailed 3-4 lines below “Subjects were followed up for mortality till the end of 1999”.

4. Results, first para: I suggest the last sentence in this para is moved up 3 lines where cancer is addressed for the two youngest age groups.

5. Page 7, last para: This description of the additional analyses restricted to 75-84 is repeated in the discussion (on page 9 second para towards the end), and I think it is enough to mention this quality control in the discussion and leave it out in the results.