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Submission of a paper

Dear Melissa Norton

We hereby submit our manuscript entitled “Educational inequalities in mortality and associated risk factors: German vs. French Switzerland?”. The paper adds valuable information to the literature about educational inequality. To date only few attempts have been made to evaluate the relationship between gradients in mortality and gradients in associated risk factors. Mostly, previous research was limited, because it used aggregated data and different definitions of socio-economic status.

The findings are original in that Switzerland offers a unique setting for such a comparison, since it combines cultural diversity within common health care and statistical systems.

In light of the lack of representative data in many countries and thanks to the high quality of the data, our paper can contribute valuable pieces to the incomplete puzzle of health inequalities in Western Europe.

Sincerely yours

Matthias Bopp