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Submission of a paper (revision): “Educational inequalities in mortality and associated risk factors: German-versus French-speaking Switzerland” (ID 1456818354303639).

Dear Melissa Norton

We believe that we could answer all points addressed by the reviewer. The profound revision of our manuscript has lead to a substantial improvement. Following the reviewers comments we shortened the paper by focusing more strongly on mortality inequality patterns. Moreover, we have reduced the discussion of gender issues since it is not a central issue.

Our paper has been labeled as “high quality article with an interesting question, and appropriate data and methods” by one reviewer (Rana Charafeddine). This extensive review further improved our manuscript and we therefore hope that it will now meet the criteria for publication of BMC Public Health.

Sincerely yours

Matthias Bopp