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Title: Economic Impacts of Illness in Older Workers: Quantifying the impact of illness on income, tax revenue and government spending

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Please note that this is an excellent paper and I have only 3 comments:

- the perspective of the analysis should be more clearly stated. In fact there is a government perspective (less tax income, more allowances) and a societal perspective (productivity loss, by the authors called income loss).

- regarding the income loss, I think this must indeed be considered as a productivity loss, whereby income is a proxy for the societal loss.

- related to the latter, the authors do not refer to the friction cost method, whereby it is assumed the work loss due to illness is compensated by the fact that unemployed people will find a job. (see publications by Koopmanschap)