Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in total and cause-specific mortality by marital status among elderly Norwegian men and women

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Reviewer: Lamberto Manzoli

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I believe that the author fully addressed almost all of the issues that I raised, and all of the most important ones. Therefore, I have no additional comments. Just, please correct the grammar of the sentence at the end of page 12 "healthy diet became more improved..." with something like "diet became healthier" or "healthy diet became more common...".

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests