Reviewer's report

Title: Socioeconomic status and race/ethnicity independently predict health decline among older diabetics

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I am fine with all of the edits made to this document. The author wishes not to add additional interaction analyses to this current study and complete them in future work. However, a figure showing self-reported health status decline by race/ethnicity and by SES would not be an additional analysis or subsample and would be extremely useful in my opinion to visualize the differences reported in this manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.