Reviewer's report

Title: Late-life coronary heart disease mortality of Finnish war veterans in the TAMRISK study, a 28-year follow-up

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The authors have given sufficient responses to my comments, and I think also to the comments of the other reviewer. it may well, in my opinion, be published as it is. I do not need to see a re-revised version.

I have three small remarks, which the authors may make use of if they agree:

- In the discussion of significant losses in the group of wounded men in the first 1-2 years, the last sentence: It is (in my opinion) highly probable, that that you have not demonstrated the whole effect of being wounded, when doing a study that started theree decades after the exposure. "May not have seen" could be changed to a stronger suggestion.

- In the Discussion, page 9-10, the issue of different kind of war exposures (PTSD, wounds, other) is mentioned. When speaking of long-term mortality including CVD, the issue of nutritional defiency may be brought up (briefly). War veterans in this study (and the probably in any study of veterans?) were very young (down to 17 years) when exposed to war as soldiers. This may imply that many of them were exposed to war also when too young for the army (as civilians, which often means bad nutrition in wartime)?

- the sentence including "were more on disablity pension": perhaps "were more often on..."?

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 interest.