Reviewer’s report

Title: Is the core-periphery labour market structure related to perceived health? Findings of the Northern Swedish Cohort

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Generally I think that the authors have performed a thoughtful and thorough review of the paper. They have responded to all my concerns. However, I still have some minor suggestions that could be discussed in the paper.

• The authors control for previous psychological health status at 30. It is correct that adjustment for previous health status strengthens claims for causality. However, in the analyses on self-rated health the authors should rather adjust for previous self-rated health (not included in the survey) as there are significant differences between the two health measures. The implications of adjusting for previous psychological health should therefore be discussed.

• The authors might “overcontrol” their models when adjusting for socioeconomic position as both peripheral employment and socioeconomic position includes the category “self-employed”. What are the implications?

• The authors could also mention that controlling for health status at age 30 could also reflect consequences by peripheral employment before 30 years of age.

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