Reviewer’s report

Title: Multimorbidity prevalence and patterns across socioeconomic determinants: a cross-sectional survey

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Reviewer: Bruce Guthrie

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I have no further compulsory or essential comments on the manuscript.

Discretionary revisions

My statement about 'college' and 'university' being ambiguous terms still stands. The authors cite a piece of text which I had read last time which describes what they mean by them, but the distinction between a 'college' and 'university' degree is an ambiguous one because the words are used differently in different countries. I don't think this particularly matters, but the authors might want to consider the language they have used further (I know what they mean, but are they sure that all international readers will?).

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:

No to the first 4, but a potential non-financial competing interest: I currently am a co-applicant on a grant developing an intervention to improve quality of life in people with multimorbidity in deprived areas, and as part of this have carried out some descriptive epidemiology of multimorbidity using routine clinical data with a paper that has now been accepted for publication in another journal.