Reviewer’s report

Title: Socioeconomic conditions of elderly people in Kosovo: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Evelina Pappa

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Add in the Method section the explanation you gave in the Cover Letter namely that self-perceived poverty level was based on the question “how do you perceive your poverty level”

2. Tables 1 and 2: Columns with the CI of the percentages concerning categorical variables should be removed. As I reported in my previous review, CIs refer to mean values (as in numerical variables, table 1) and not to percentages of frequencies. As it is shown in table 1 par example, the total number (frequency) of your sample that attended no school (have 0 years of education) is 836 out of 1890 subjects or the 33.4% based on the distribution of the sample according to the education. I cannot understand how the frequency 836 out of 1890 subjects could range as a percentage between 33.16% and 33.66%.

3. In table 1, as a foot note you claimed that religion and ethnicity were not further considered since they showed no discriminatory power. How is this demonstrated?

4. The scope of the table 3 is not very clear to me. Including age in your model will adjust for that variable. By including all the determinants (and age) in the multiple regression model (table 4), the effect of the predictor variables on self-perceived poverty adjusting or controlling for age was assessed. What does table 3 add to the statistical analysis?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests