Reviewer’s report

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All of my remaining comments relate to the tables and can be considered 'Minor Essential Revisions.'

Table 1: asterisk noting missing values affecting education and income numbers would be better placed on those two variables rather than on all three column (group) headings.

Table 2: unnecessary. All pertinent information is presented in Table 3.

Table 3: Frailty measures should have cut-off score included in the label (as in Table 1). Also, it is not clear how 95% CIs were computed for diagnostic values. Lastly, the fact that all values are %s can be described in table title or legend without the asterisks on all column headings.

Table 4: Again, cut-off scores for each frailty measure should be included in label.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.