Reviewer's report

Title: Weight status at age 18 influences marriage prospects. A population-based study of Swedish men.

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Reviewer: Andrew Clark

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The revised version of this paper is largely a success I feel, and the story seems to be quite clear. Of course as a referee one is never satisfied, and I do have a tiny number of remaining small points. I will put all of these in as discretionary revisions.

Discretionary Revisions

1) This is my original point one from my first report. While I understand why you would want to control for contemporaneous education and social status, I would still like to know what happens if you don’t. This would give you the entire effect of weight at age 18 on marriage probability, whether it work via education, status or something else.

2) The description of the data is still not over-clear. Marital status is measured at age 40. As LOUISE data is available every year from 1990 to 2004, it looks like all of the marriage information comes from this datasource: what do we need the PHC data for?

3) In the acknowledgments I would thank for good advice, not good advices.

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.