Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Social support and age influence distress outcomes differentially across urban-regional and remote Australia: an exploratory study

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**Reviewer:** Deborah Turnbull

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My previous suggestions for major compulsory revisions related to the lack of clarity in relation to sampling frame.

The authors have declined to clarify the exact nature of the sampling frame and the response in this regard is somewhat garbled and only adds to the confusion. I concur that adding the diagram is probably not useful but editions to the text would help. They have addressed my concerns about response rates. I note that the statistical reviewer does not share my concerns.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.