Reviewer’s report

Title: Firm downsizing and diagnosis-specific disability pensioning in Norway

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Reviewer: Thorne Wallman

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Minor issues not for publication
In Abstract last sentence: “Moderate downsizing is followed…four years,...” I recommend to add “especially among stayers”.

Minor Essential Revisions
1) Methods/Diagnoses/last point “A few applications lacked a diagnosis...”. Please explain in “Discussion” if it is possible to be granted DP in Norway without diagnosis. If not you can wonder how it can be possible to be granted DP without?
2) References No 1 and 10: are in Norwegian, please complete with English translation.
3) Table I “Income (NOK)”: Income/ month or year, or what? I guess you mean annual income!?

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests