Reviewer's report

Title: Marginalisation and cardiovascular disease among rural Sami in Northern Norway: a population-based cross-sectional study

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Main aim of the study is the assessment of the relationship between marginalisation and self-reported lifetime cardiovascular disease by minority versus majority regional status in rural Sami population of Norway.

The higher prevalence in marginalised Sami could be attributed to chronic acculturative stress and perhaps stress related behaviours in marginalised Sami.

This question is absolutely well posed and defined as well as the data are appropriate and the methods well described.

Also the literature report is very informative and all discussions are made enough cautiously. As a cross-sectional study there are no ultimative causal attributions possible, as the authors write correctly stating clearly this and other limitation of this study.

All other points are clearly fulfilled. I recommend that this relevant work can be published.

I only have two little points:

1) Sometimes is used the word "areas" sometimes "arenas" The authors should look if it is not always "areas".

2) On page 20 (7th last line) there is two times the word "the".

So the manuscript adheres to all relevant standards.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.