Reviewer's report

Title: Urban built environment configuration and psychological distress in older men: Results from the Caerphilly study

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I have read the entire manuscript and I am happy to say that the paper has a much improved structure that has allowed a good description of each section of the paper, including the reorganised background material, methods and discussion. Overall, it is now of a good quality for publication. I am concerned about a seeming contradiction between the abstract (results) and results section itself. The pertinent sentences are below.

[from abstract] "Results: Residing in detached dwelling was associated with reduced odds of psychological distress (OR=0.48, p=0.03)".

Versus [from results section]: Our fully controlled model with both the morphometric and area level variables together (model 3) found that respondents living in terraced houses exhibited better psychological health relative to those living in detached houses (OR=0.48. p=0.03).

Perhaps if the same terminology of either "psychological distress" or "better psychological health" were used throughout, it would be easier to write and read?