Reviewer's report

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Major revision

This version is improved significantly but some important methodological aspects are still missing.

- Author included information regarding community area in the table but no description about it in methods section. Author should describe what is the meaning of community area they used and how appropriate it is as a representative for SES is not discussed.
- Author added kaplan meier analysis but no description in methods about kaplan meier analysis and why they used it.

**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