Reviewer’s report

Title: Life style and longevity among initially healthy middle-aged men: prospective cohort study

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The authors have done a very good job addressing all of my initial suggestions and concerns. The paper is well written, and I recommend the paper for publication.

The only one suggestion that I have is as follows: in Table 1, the authors report p values for baseline clinical and laboratory variables between non-smokers and smokers, respectively. Presumably, an independent samples t-test was used to compare mean differences between the two groups, whereas a chi-square test was used for the BMI categories. The statistical tests used for Table 1 should be included in the Statistical Analysis sub-section of the Methods.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.