Reviewer's report

Title: Stability and variability in income position over time: exploring their role in self-rated health in Swedish survey data

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I thank the authors for well-founded answers to the concerns raised. I think the paper has improved substantially in clarity. I warmly recommend publication.

Discretionary revisions
I noticed these minor flaws that the authors may wish check:
1. Introduction row 11 probably has a mistake in logical structure of sentence ("reversed causality and health").
2. At the end of fourth paragraph of results "increase in poor health by 61 percent" should be increase in odds of poor health since this is logistic model.
3. In data and methods, fifth paragraph, the description of income fifths: it would be helpful to add one more sentence to underline that the unevenly distributed income categories are due to age limits of the study.

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No competing interests.