Reviewer's report

Title: Mental health and wellbeing in spouses of persons with dementia: the Nord-Trondelag health study

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Reviewer: Kathryn Adams

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Thank you and sorry for the delay in responding. This manuscript deals with a very interesting study that I do believe is important to the field because of the representative sample used, the careful research questions, excellent methodology and very comprehensive and thoughtful discussion and conclusions.

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
I believe this manuscript is very well written altogether and has a clear set of research questions, appropriate justification, etc.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
YES, very much so.

3. Are the data sound?
Yes.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
I believe it does.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
Yes, the authors have done an excellent job in the discussion to highlight important findings of this study.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
I believe they have a good literature review and have done well to get up-to-date materials on their topic.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes, with a few very minor issues. Note: there is a paragraph in the final page, near the end, completely in another language. That needs attention!

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests with this manuscript.