Reviewer's report

Title: Midlife insomnia and mortality. The Hordaland Health Study

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Minor Essential Revisions
introduction should focus on the relationship between mortality and insomnia in midleage instead of being more general

methods:
Authors should explain, why they used also insomnia as continous variable and describe it better
Regarding the depression symptoms, there is any construct problem in use the HADS in people living in the community
Finally, author, also, explain why they decided to exclude those who died in the first two years of the follow-up in the sensitivity analysis.

Results
Should not display all analysis, which excluded participants who died in the first two years of follow-up and those that used insomnia as continous variable.
Is it important to cite specific causes of death. If it is important, why not display it as well.

Discussion:
Include low response rate as a limitation

Discretionary Revisions:
Is it not important to repeat all analysis for each insomnia type(difficult to fall sleep, maintaining, early wakening)

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