Reviewer's report

Title: Discontinuation of anti-hypertensive drugs increases 11-year cardiovascular mortality risk in community-dwelling elderly (the Bambui Cohort Study of Ageing)

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The amendments made by the authors have clarified the issues raised by the reviewers, and the focus on cardiovascular mortality has significantly improved the paper.

Minor essential revision:

There need to be some revision of grammar/tense in the paragraph over the bottom of page 3 to start of page 4. ie

"People has consistently resorted to this program for essential medication it has not been able to access in the public sector"

Page 10, final paragraph. The statement "On the other hand, the findings regarding the stoppers suggest that once AHDs were prescribed, they should not be discontinued." should include a qualifier: "except on medical advice"

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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