Reviewer's report

Title: Tracking and prevalence of cardiovascular disease risk factors across socio-economic classes: A longitudinal substudy of The European Youth Heart Study

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The following issues should be addressed before this manuscript is suitable for publication:

1. On page 5, in the section describing socioeconomic status, it should be noted that homemakers were assigned to be low SES category, and how many subjects were designated as homemakers.

2. In the first paragraph of the results section, the authors appear to have made a "typo" mistake by suggesting that people from the low SES group had the most favourable outcomes. Obviously the reverse is the case as seen in Table 1.

3. On page 7: the second last paragraph of the results section requires some comment about the content of Table 5.

4. English grammar requires some attention in places and the authors are encouraged to improve the paper in this regard.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No

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I declare that I have no competing interests.