Author’s response to reviews

Title: Contribution of main causes of death to social inequalities in mortality in the whole population of Scania, Sweden

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The Editor,                                                                                                  March, 2006
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for accepting our manuscript “Contribution of main causes of death to social inequalities in mortality in the whole population of Scania, Sweden” (MS: 1993632551890351)” for publication in BMC Public Health. We have now made the formal changes to the manuscript according to the instructions sent to us by e-mail. We have also gone through the manuscript formatting checklist one more time. Furthermore, we have changed the manuscript according to the few points from the two referees. Here is a description of the changes made.

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Sincerely,

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Response to the comments made by the reviewers

Reviewer #1

“There are a few grammatical errors throughout the text and the authors, or others, may want to carefully read the final draft to ‘copy edit’.”

Our answer: We have now sent the manuscript for linguistic revision and we have also carefully read the final draft.

Reviewer #2

“Check a sentence in discussion: The diminished contribution of cancer…to partly be referred lungcancer..Change to lung cancer and breast cancer, and improve the wording of the sentence”.

Our answer: We have now sent the manuscript for linguistic revision and changed this sentence to: It has been argued that the diminished contribution of cancer among older age groups is partly related to the distribution patterns of lungcancer and breastcancer.

Formal changes:

The title page now includes the manuscript title and the full names and affiliations for all authors. The corresponding author is indicated.

Abstract- The underlining has been removed. The Background section has been elaborated to place the study in the context of the current knowledge in the field and state the aims of the research.

Manuscript- The underlining has been removed.

Materials & Methods – This section has been renamed to 'Methods'
Authors' contributions – We now use initials to refer to each author's contribution.

Figure legends- The figure legends are now placed after the reference list.

Figures – The figures are cropped as closely as possible.