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Title: Regional differences in multidimensional aspects of health: findings from the MRC Cognitive Function and Ageing study

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Minor essential revisions

Abstract: line 5 and 6 please delete
This was about compression of morbidity and has been deleted.

Lines 15-17 should move and clarify direction.
These have been moved to the first line of the abstract and clarifies that women were higher than men.

P3 Introduction delete sentence about compression of morbidity
This has been removed as requested.

P4 second line: write DFLE in full as the abbreviation is first mentioned here.
Actually the abbreviation is first mentioned on page 3 and defined here. This was modified as the reviewer spotted we had not defined the term.

P9 discussion why "active"
We have removed active as it was included in error the term is healthy life expectancy.

Your other editorial comments
Abstract- Please rename the second subheading Methods.
Done

Methods- Please document in the Methods section what type of consent was sought from the participants. Please also incorporate the information regarding ethical approval into this section. I don't understand this comment as on page 5 methods section we have the following, does this not already address this comment?
"MRC CFAS has Multi-centre Research Ethics Committee approval and ethical approval from the relevant Local Research Ethics Committees. All participants gave informed consent. Data from the initial screen (Version 3.1 of the dataset) are used in this paper."

Conclusion- Please rename this section Conclusions.
Done

Authors Contributions- Please rename this section Authors' contributions.
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