Reviewer's report

Title: Regional differences in mortality in Greece (1984-2004): the case of Thrace

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This is an interesting report pointing to the high mortality of Thrace. It is, however, very descriptive and, in its present format, is not of sufficient scientific interest. Can the analysis be improved to quantify the effects of the various area based factors (GDP, access to health care) and ethnicity? The high CDR at 0-5y is interesting. Could this be due to high perinatal/infant mortality/1-4y death rate? What are the causes of death at this age. These analyses could be much more informative.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

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 interest