Reviewer's report

Title: All-cause mortality in the Aberdeen 1921 birth cohort: effects of socio-demographic, physical and cognitive factors

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Breeze

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I am still concerned about the varying numbers in different models, which makes interpretation of relative strengths of variables more uncertain. The discussion does not address this sufficiently. I advise specifying the numbers included in the multivariate models and adding a little in the discussion about the possible biases that may be introduced by the reduced numbers with cognitive tests.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests