Reviewer's report

Title: Stressful life events and current psychological distress are associated with self-reported hypertension but not with true hypertension: results from a cross-sectional population-based study

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The authors have responded well to the reviewer's comments. There are a few minor revisions to improve the manuscript.

1. In the first sentence in the abstract 'was' should be changed to 'has been'.
2. In the second sentence of the abstract 'complete' should be deleted.
3. The acronym 'BP' should be preceded by 'blood pressure' for the first usage.
4. In the methods section, the second sentence of the paragraph entitled "Measurements of stressful life events..", 'in the' is repeated and should be deleted.
5. In the results section, third paragraph, first sentence, 'evaluated by the scale of faces' should be in parentheses, or could be deleted.
6. A period is needed in the last paragraph of the results section after '(figure 2)'.
7. In the discussion, third paragraph, first sentence, 'in a Swedeen' should be 'in Sweden'.
8. In that same line 'done' should be replaced by 'reported'.
9. In the third sentence of the third paragraph 'unwilling' should be 'unwillingness'.
10. In the fifth paragraph, sixth sentence '30 a 50' should be '30 to 50'.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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 interests.