Reviewer's report

Title: Adolescents' health and health behavior as predictors of injury death - A prospective cohort follow-up of 652,530 person-years

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General
This is an impressive study made in a quite unique dataset. The article is concise and has a relevant structure. The conclusions have important public health relevance and the statistical methods used are adequate.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

The quality of the English language is not sufficient for publication. There are a great many strange expressions, improper use of adjectives etc. In several places the language is so poor that it is difficult to understand the meaning. A favourite here is the last sentence of the second paragraph: "Comprehensive strategies aiming at the healthy promotion of adolescents most likely contribute to injury deaths, too." There is also signs of a poor proof reading with regards to references which are usually added after a . and not before. The results section in the abstract could be more concise.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.