Reviewer's report

Title: Remaining life expectancy among older people in a rural area of Vietnam: trends and socioeconomic inequalities during a period of multiple transitions

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The paper has been improved and I have only few comments.

Discretionary Revisions

The authors made a more suitable statistical analysis. But I don’t understand why the effect of wealth was not tested simultaneously in the Cox regression analysis. It seems as if the trend is statistical significant for men. Furthermore it would be nice to include an interaction term between wealth and period.

I wonder why the impact of the American maltreat of the Vietnamese during the war is not discussed at all.

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