Reviewer’s report

Title: Breathlessness is associated with urinary incontinence in men: A community-based study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors need to include any collected co-morbidities in the multivariate model. A variable which is not significant in bivariate analyses may become significant in multivariate analyses. If the co-morbidities are not significant in the multivariate model, then a parsimonious model may be obtained using backwards elimination and the authors can state this. The question still remains: is the effect of breathlessness modified by the inclusion of co-morbidities or interactions of co-morbidities and breathlessness.

Minor Essential revisions.

Please include the time frame for the question on urine leakage. Is it a year, during the last week, or during the last month, or ?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 interests.