Reviewer’s report

Title: Patterns of Long Term Care in 29 European countries: evidence from an exploratory study.

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Reviewer: Jouke van der Zee

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I dubbed my comments to the first version as minor essential revisions, because I was essentially positive about the paper.

My conclusion from the authors’ reaction is that they took my comments seriously, the structure of the paper is clear now; they kept the distinction between 'patterns' and 'trends' on sound methodological grounds and mitigated their recommendations.

So, I have no comments left.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.