Reviewer's report

Title: Is the health of people living in rural areas different from those in cities? Evidence from routine data linked with the Scottish Health Survey

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1. The article addresses a well-defined question which is to explore the possible influence of area of residence on health.
2. The study population is sufficiently large and inclusive. The data are thus likely reliable. Statistics are appropriate.
3. References are appropriate.
4. The conclusions are accurate.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.