Reviewer’s report

Title: Socioeconomic Patient Characteristics Predict Delay in Cancer Diagnosis: a Danish Cohort Study

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I am happy that the authors have considered all of the issues raised. I think that their approach to analysing data from all cancers together generically is wrong, but this is a personal opinion and they have done more to justify their reasons for this approach and acknowledged more of the limitations. As such I am happy that the paper has sufficient scientific merit for publication.

I welcome the data that they present in the cover letter (but not the paper) comparing data from medical records with that from patients. I think this is really rather important and if they decide not to include this in the paper then would strongly suggest that they publish this elsewhere.

No further issues.

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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