Reviewer’s report

Title: Public health research and the European Structural Funds: evidence from STEPS

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Reviewer: Lidia Georgieva

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The question posed by the author is of very high importance for the development of the public health research in Europe. The title and the abstract accurately convey what has been found in the study. The methods used are well described. The data are sufficient and of well refereed sources. The paper respond to the relevant standards for reporting, but having an individual insides. The discussions and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

Yes, I have been a team member of Bulgarian STEPS project and actively participated in the process the result of which has been reported by the paper. In such my role, I can only confirm that what is reported is true and correct, but in case it is considered a competing interests, please have it in mind.