Reviewer’s report

Title: Association between life-course socioeconomic position and inflammatory biomarkers in older age: a nationally representative cohort study in Taiwan

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This is a very well written paper looking at a good question using good data from Taiwan. Having lived in Taiwan, I'm always happy to read something coming out of there anyways, so the benefit is two-fold for me. There are a couple of typographical errors in the manuscript, but fewer than usual in most manuscripts. The paper has likely already gone through review somewhere else and shows a clarity of thought. The main issue is that the authors do not know what their finding really is. They suggest that they are looking at lifetime SEP. This is correct. However, their findings suggest that they have a different finding than the one that they report on - they really find that low SEP in childhood, and not in adulthood, was the predictor of systemic inflammation. I would suggest that they need to think through what that means and discuss it clearly and in a focused manner. This finding is novel and should be highlighted thus.

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