Reviewer’s report

Title: Dying comfortably in very old age with or without dementia in different care settings - a representative "older old" population study

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Reviewer: Steffi Riedel-Heller

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This paper addresses a research gap regarding the comparison of end-of-life care across different settings. There are important strengths to the used database making the paper unique, such as population representativity and the chance to link prospectively assessed data and cognition to the information gathered post mortem.

The methods are precisely described, results are representationally reported and discussed in-depth. I enjoyed reading this very important paper and the work is very thorough as well, underpinned with literature. 130 references are a lot for an empirical paper, however if it is not a problem for the journal I would like to have it as it is. Policy implications and fields of further research are discussed.

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