Reviewer’s report

Title: The role of children and their socioeconomic resources for the risk of hospitalisation and mortality – A nationwide register-based study of the total Swedish population over the age 70

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The manuscript has been revised well. I think this manuscript will be acceptable after a correction has been done.

Minor point:

In the Strengths and Limitations, the authors state "Thus, both specificity (all with a severe condition are hospitalised) and sensitivity (the hospitalised are truly ill) should be high given the definition of onset of severe disease."

But the reviewer thinks the specificity may not be so high even if Sweden's health care system is publicly financed, because low-SES/educated group may suffer from access to social support (Since I am not Swedish, I need some objective data to realize the specificity would be high enough.) If the authors do not have objective data about the specificity, please make the expression more modest one (e.g., ...specificity..... might be high....., etc.).

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