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This a large population-based prospective study assessing 3-year all-cause mortality depending on handgrip strength and depression data.

Overall, the paper is interesting with new data available from the study. The paper is well-written and I have no major concerns with the manuscript.

Minor comments:

Abstract line 12: "ratio"

Results line 2: "heavier" suggest higher body mass, in fact it relates to BMI

Table 1, line 4 from the bottom: "Number of comorbidities"

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