Reviewer’s report

Title: Longitudinal and reciprocal associations between financial strain, home characteristics and mobility in the National Health and Aging Trends Study

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Major comments:

(1) Structure equation model would not be popular as much as no necessity of descriptions of statistical model like Poisson or logistic regression model. The authors need easy-to-understand description showing the correspondence between estimated values in the tables and parameters using the model.

(2) The model the authors used in this manuscript is considered the most appropriate in the authors' thought. Describe how it is superior from the model building briefly, and discuss its acceptability from the point of goodness of fit statistically.

(3) I did not understand how revealing reciprocal relationships among financial strain, home disorder, relocation, home modifications and mobility can contribute to solve issues related to the elderly. It is desirable that the authors show a real-world issue their theory can solve.

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