Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of socioeconomic deprivation on cause of death in Severe Mental Illness

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The manuscript describes an important aspect of differences in mortality causes and rates in patients suffering from SMI in Glasgow as compared to the general populating in Scotland in relation with their socioeconomic status.

Major compulsory revisions

Authors did not clearly expose in their introductory background section why did they choose to compare the population of patients with SMI with the general population regarding causes of death and to correlate those to the socioeconomic status of cases included. Did they have a specific hypothesis supporting their work?

Minor compulsory revisions

Authors do not explain why they excluded suicide as a cause of death in order to make a comparison with other remaining causes.

Authors should discuss more profoundly why they had paradoxical findings such as cancer and alcoholism were fewer causes of mortality in patients with SMI?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflict of interest behind this review