Reviewer’s report

Title: Gender differences in predictors of self-rated health among older adults in Brazil and Chile

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This is a very interesting paper that aims to compare gender differences in predictors of self-rated health (SRH) in two different populations of older adults namely Brazilian and Chilean. More importantly, this is one of the few studies from South American countries to study the effects of socioeconomic status and health on SRH among older adults when attempting to understand health inequalities between men and women.

This article is useful for all researchers who use self-rated health, particularly for those analyzing social inequalities in health. Another important aspect is that this paper will help to strengthen the research on aging in Latin America.

Overall, this is a thorough, well written and concise manuscript, with appropriate data and analyses and clear summary of findings and I recommend its publication without revision.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.