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This is a well written systematic review on herpes zoster-associated mortality in Europe.

Major Compulsory Revisions
None

Minor Essential Revisions
Spelling errors
# Please do not capitalize the word “immunosenescence” (abstract and background section).
# Please correct the inconsistent use of thousands separators.

Please provide a reference when referring to the PRISMA statement in the methods section.

Please check axes labels of Figure 2. They are partially unreadable/doubled.

A quality assessment of the data sources is missing. Please provide a more detailed discussion of this limitation.

Discretionary Revisions

There is no need for including an ethics statement, since the study is based on literature and official statistics.