Reviewer's report

Title: Predictors of working beyond retirement in older workers with and without a chronic disease - Results from data linkage of Dutch questionnaire and registry data

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Reviewer: Mieke W. Koehoorn

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Thank you very much for your thoughtful and detailed response to reviewers' comments. The methods and results are much clearer for publication of this important work. On a minor note while reading through the revised manuscript, I note a have a few minor typographical errors and grammatical issues in the revised sections. I offer a few examples here:

Line 9-24 in Background section:

To illustrate, within the domain of work characteristics, it was shown that employees working in handcraft and in healthcare were more likely to work beyond retirement than employees from other sectors.

It has also been shown that employees who are active in voluntary work were more likely to work beyond retirement.

Lines 17-24 in Study population

Individuals were included in the analyses if they were an employee and aged aged 56 to 64 years at baseline and retired during follow-up.

OR

Individuals were included in the analyses if they were employed and aged aged 56 to 64 years at baseline and retired during follow-up.

Line 7, Results (missing a decimal place)

The employees with chronic disease more often had a low educational level (31.3% vs 26.9%) and less often a medium or high educational level (respectively, 33.7% vs 34.5%, and 34.9% vs 38.6%).
Lines 13-17 Discussion

This study, and to the knowledge of the authors also other studies on working beyond retirement, did not take into account that prediction of working beyond retirement may be different for workers with and without chronic diseases.

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