Reviewer's report

Title: Indicator-Based Public Health Monitoring in Old Age in OECD Member Countries: A Scoping Review

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Dear authors,

The topic is interesting and comes hand in hand with the demography evolution in Europe and it's worth publishing.

However, to make the story and the results stronger, I suggest the following:

INTRODUCTION:
- please contextualize more the topic chosen: what is the background, what are the current available evidence, why is your research important, how did IMOA helped your research?
- please provide a more through description on IMOA and also reference;
- more info on the methodology used by IMOA should be included;

METHODS:
- the research questions should be posed in the introduction;
- the methodology should focus only on the steps made to collect the data and answer the research questions;
- was the search performed for all 35 OECD countries for documents or not?
- how did you end up with the countries included in your study? the methodology should include something like this "we performed a review for the 35 OECD countries, but x countries didn't match our selection criteria and the ones included in the study are: x, y, z...
step 3 - study selection - please mention you have it in the reference list;

how did you find the websites of those public institutions? i would expect you were not familiar with many of those before this study

how were these public institutions selected?

- what are the OECD indicators you followed - lease name them (at least categories)? how did you select them? where did you selected from - an anchor to this can also be included in the introduction?

DISCUSSION

- which are the 10 indicators identified (row 273)?

- what are the strengths of the study?

- what is

CONCLUSION

- what are the international policy implications?

- what are the research implications?

Would also suggest to merge the discussion and conclusion section and include some ideas on how were the answers to the research questions and what do those imply.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

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