Reviewer’s report

Title: Mortality in Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA): Factors Associated with Recording RA on Death Certificates

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Reviewer: Keith Rose

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This is the second review.
The authors have done a nice job addressing most of my concerns. I believe the paper is stronger and reads better.

Aside from some minor editing to make it read a little better, I believe they authors should clarify the sentence on page 7 lines 156-158. It reads: "34 recorded as an underlying condition unrelated to cause of death" I believe they are referring to part 2 of the death certificate. Diagnoses on part 2 are not "unrelated" to the cause of death. They contribute but they do not directly contribute to the immediate case of death. They should reword this to clarify.

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 declare that I have no competing interests