Reviewer’s report

Title: Impact of place of residence on place of death in Wales: An observational study

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Reviewer: Roderick Macleod

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Thank you very much for submitting this fine manuscript for review. It addresses an important topic, not just for the people of Wales but for all planners, providers and academics interested in this area.

The abstract is clear and concise and reflects the contents of the paper.

The background is helpful and contains relevant references and other works.

The methodology is sound as I read it and quite appropriate for the study and the analyses are sound.

The discussion contains relevant commentary and thoughtful analysis and will be of great interest to other researchers in this area. It has always been of interest to me that home death is seen as something of a 'gold standard' here whereas in fact I'm never really sure that this is so. We often make assumptions that this must be the case but there are indications here that this may not always be the right place. The authors hint at this enough to pique our interest and thought. They have also adequately addressed any limitations as far as I can see.

I enjoyed reading this very much - thank you for a fine piece of work.

There are a few very minor details to attend to.

Line 67 has an additional 'showed after 'study'.

Line 91 units not unites

Line 208 '...hospital. A...

line 209 delete one 'a large area'

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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No

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