Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Factors associated with requesting and receiving euthanasia: A nationwide mortality followback study with a focus on patients with psychiatric disorders, dementia or an accumulation of health problems related to old age.

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**Reviewer:** Wolfgang Freidl

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The paper deals with a socially important question. The applied methodology and statistical analysis are adequate.

However, the methods used are not described in detail.

Several relevant information is missing:
- the description of the questionnaire
- the description of the diagnoses procedure of the groups psychiatric disorder, dementia, accumulation of health problems is completely lacking

Sex and gender are not differentiated.

The discussion has the tendency to de-emphasise the social relevance of the problem and seems not very sophisticated. The paragraph on strength / limitations is incomprehensible in the context of the previously missing description of methods.

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