Reviewer’s report

Title: The Global Activity Limitation Indicator and self-rated health: two complementary predictors of mortality

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This article is about the ability of the GALI and the SRH to predict all-cause mortality in a general adult population.

The article is straightforward and clear in its methods, conclusions and discussions. The predictive value of SRH on mortality is known for I guess over 40 years, it is good to know that also functioning as measured with the GALI has this predictive power.

I have only one question that could be addressed in the results and/or discussion section: In tale 2 it is shown that the 95% CI of the GALI responses moderate limitations and severe limitations in model 4 show some overlap.

In table 4 there is also overlap between these response categories in all periods and for SRH there is overlap in the periods 0-3 years and 3-6 years. What conclusion can be drawn for the distinction between the response categories?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.