Reviewer’s report

Title: Stable socioeconomic inequalities in ischaemic heart disease mortality during the economic crisis: A time trend analysis in 2 Spanish settings

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This is an interesting article exploring mortality trends due to ischemic heart disease in a time period before and after the great recession of 2008 in Spain, and inequities in mortality by level of education. It is succinctly written and provides valuable data for researchers in this space.

Some suggestions for minor revisions:

- The introduction section could be shortened - many of these citations, particularly those in the first two paragraphs, could be discussed in more detail in the discussion section.

- Consider line graphs rather than bar graphs to represent your results.

- Avoid using the word "accomplish" to describe the transition of smoking from upper to lower SES groups. (p 10, line 258)

- The authors have completed what seems to be a relatively extensive review of the literature on inequities in mortality trends over time across many countries. I would encourage you to consider placing these in a table, this would be a nice resource for readers.

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