Reviewer’s report

Title: Self-rated health and associated factors among the oldest-old: results from a cross-sectional study in Sweden

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This is a cross-sectional study based on 1360 persons aging over 85 years on self-rated health and associated factors. Physical inactivity, impaired physical mobility, pain, anxiety/depression and longstanding illness were independently associated with poorer than good self-rated health, while factors such as gender, age, educational level, cash margin, living alone, social support, smoking, alcohol use, obesity, accidents and impaired vision/hearing were not. Although somehow not novel, results are interesting due to the focus on the > 85 years old individuals. Data presented can help planning how to improve and maintain health in the growing elderly population. This is an interesting study and well designed (and written).

Was curious on how the questionnaire was sent and retrieved? Was this through an online platform?

Ca you disclose the number of questionnaires filled by someone assisting? This would help clarifying the robustness of the data. In fact the study would gain much from this data.

Regarding the variable "accident", would think it would be highly flexible from person to person. With this being said, although being a cost of this study, it does provide valuable information. Would advise discussing further this individual variation

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