Reviewer’s report

Title: Explaining the decline in coronary heart disease mortality in Turkey between 1995 and 2008

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. It is not mentioned in the text that whether the causes of death obtained from the records were the basic, intermediate or final cause. I think this discrimination is very important for such an analysis. In Turkey, the records related to the basic and intermediate causes of deaths are still unreliable, and for the final causes, in most of the records is written as “cardiac arrest”. Although it is mentioned in the text that the causes recorded as the “other forms of heart disease” were dispersed in the data, I think this point should be mentioned in the text and the possible outcome of this situation should be discussed.

2. As this analysis is an ecological (correlation) study, the results should be evaluated carefully and the limitations of this kind of studies should also be discussed.

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Should give care to the spaces before brackets of reference numbers. In many paragraphs in the text, there is no space before the brackets.

Discretionary Revisions

There are no discretionay revisions.

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.