Review of: "Who Belongs to the Middle Class? Identifying Them Using Monthly Family Income"

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The manuscript focuses on creating an income-based classification system that can be used for a quick stratification of participants into different classes. The background of the method and its construction is good. However, the overall writing can be improved, and a few spelling mistakes should be corrected; for example, on page 7: "similarly, if the populan……" The concerns that I have are as follows:

1. It uses CPI for inflation adjustment. So, the amounts might need adjusting frequently, even yearly. In that case, do the authors propose to use this classification for studies in future years? Should any future researchers construct their own classification? Or should the threshold be updated when national income data is available?

2. The amount presented in the table is different from the amount in the abstract and conclusion.

3. There seems to be redundancy regarding the wealth index, as it was discussed in two places which can be merged for better readability.