

Review of: "The Pandora Box from 12 Countries: Who Benefits More from Modern Interventions?"

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The author has carried out a longitudinal study of 14310 individuals followed up between 2004 and 2017, with approximately a quarter of them dying before the end of the study. The data did not show convincingly higher mortality in males. The data were deficient on details of solid organ transplantation and how this affected aging/mortality, and the circulatory disorders were lumped together. It would be interesting to see if there were national differences in mortality over the study period, as that could point to possible environmental differences or extraneous factors not initially included in the analysis. What other modern interventions would be of interest in determining survival?

Overall, this is a robust study that has led to very useful inferences on factors associated with mortality and survival in old age.