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Dear Author:

The review of your submission to *Demography*, MS# 2018-124-1, "Healthy life expectancy, mortality, and age prevalence of morbidity" is now complete. Based on the reports and recommendations of two external referees, we have decided that we cannot accept your paper for publication in *Demography*. The referees' "Comments for the Author(s)" are attached.

While the reviewers saw some strengths in the manuscript, they also pointed to a number of problems, some serious, and neither was enthusiastic about its eventual publication in *Demography*. Among the issues raised were those relating to exposition, analysis, and magnitude of the contribution to the literature.

To put this decision in perspective, please keep in mind that *Demography* receives far more manuscripts than we can publish. As a result, the review process at *Demography* is extremely rigorous, and considers both the absolute quality of manuscripts and their strengths relative to other papers that we are considering for publication.

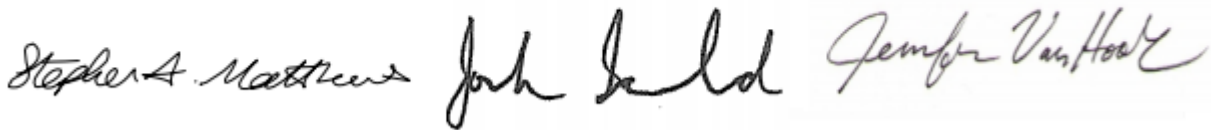
Thank you for sending your paper to *Demography* for consideration for publication. Despite the unfavorable outcome with this paper, we hope you will keep *Demography* in mind for future submissions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Matthews

John Iceland

Jennifer Van Hook

The block contains three handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right, they are: Stephen A. Matthews, John Iceland, and Jennifer Van Hook. The signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.