Reviewer's report

Title: Assessment of fall-related self-efficacy and activity avoidance in people with Parkinson's disease

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Reviewer: Kim Delbaere

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1. The introduction has improved but I still feel that paragraph 3 would be better suited as part of the methods section.

2. It is a shame that 20% of your sample filled in the questionnaires while they were in the off-phase. This has now been addressed throughout the paper and included as a limitation.

3. The normal distribution is an important / crucial assumption in a variety of statistical applications. Skewness and kurtosis is one way to give information about the distribution. One possible cause (and most likely in your study) of a skewed data distribution is floor/ceiling effects. I would still like to see a measure of distribution presented in your paper as this would be relevant for many readers of your paper.

4. For all statistical suggestions that I made in my previous review as well as possible differences between different assessment methods of the questionnaires, I would like to refer the authors to Yardley L, Beyer N, Hauer K, Kempen G, Piot-Ziegler C, Todd C. Development and initial validation of the Falls Efficacy Scale-International (FES-I). Age Ageing 2005; 34: 614–9. The study population are healthy community-dwelling older people but will provide the necessary information to put suggestions of both reviewers in the right context.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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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.