Author's response to reviews

Title: Is the Nintendo Wii Fit really acceptable to older people?: A discrete choice experiment

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We wish to again thank the reviewers for their time spent reviewing this paper, their useful comments and suggested changes.

We have made all suggested changes as detailed below:

**Reviewer: Jennifer Nitz**

1. The reviewer requested that the number of participants be included in the abstract.

   *We have included this (please refer to line 27)*

   ‘A DCE was administered to 21 participants in an interview style format prior to, and following several sessions of using the Wii Fit in physiotherapy’

2. The reviewer recommended that we include a statement in the discussion supporting or rejecting our hypothesis.

   *We have included this (please refer to lines 194-196)*

   ‘Our hypothesis that participants would regard the program more positively after exposure to the intervention was not supported by our data.’

3. The reviewer has requested clarification as to whether the participants received additional therapy. They have also requested we acknowledge the short intervention time. They have also queried whether a ‘veil of experience’ can be assumed when participants may not have had experience of usual practice.

   *We have now clearly stated that participants were not involved in additional ward based physiotherapy (line 146)*

   ‘Participants were not involved in any additional ward based physiotherapy activities’

   *We have acknowledged the short intervention time which was limited by the physical ability and endurance of our participant group (lines 227-229)*

   ‘Participants took part in an average of six sessions of 25 minutes using the Wii Fit; It is possible, therefore, that they may have required more time and more sessions to become familiar with and properly engage with this approach to therapy’

   *We have also added further detail to our statement regarding the veil of experience (lines 221-224)*

   ‘While the participants may not have received hospital based physiotherapy previously, it is reasonable to assume that (in contrast to the Wii fit program) most of the participants would be familiar with the sorts of activities and exercises provided in this context.’

**Reviewer: Lee Graves**

No further changes recommended by the reviewer
Reviewer: William Young

Reviewer endorsed publication in current form