Reviewer’s report

Title: Staging of mobility, transfer and walking functions of elderly persons based on the codes of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health

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Article is now much better and easier to understand. it still needs some minor changes and clarifications.
1. Abstract – 3507 subjects (line36) is not the sum of 1790 and 1719 (line 212)
2. Introduction:
   a. line 84 – probably ..a linkage between ICF and existing….. not between existing measures for ADL and HRQoL
   b. line 93 the functioning of elderly instead of elderly functioning
3. Methods:
   a. line 153 – delete could
4. Discussion:
   a. Lines 223 - 225 – how can case manager assess whether the patient is more likely to experience an improvement….
   b. line 246 – from this scale is not possible to know possibilities for improvement
   c. line 260 – add an example
   d. line 261 – what about language
   e. line 275 – change fonts of the word “of”
5. Conclusion:
   a. line 280 – add for elderly
   b. line 286 – is different from what they wrote in lines 260 - 261
6. Figure 3: Mobility and walking scale – with four chosen ICF codes it is not possible to distinguish between category four and five.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interests'.