Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Torunn Askim

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Dear Authors

The manuscript has improved significantly upon revision. However, the discussion regarding the MCID and the SEM value still need a further minor revision before the paper is accepted for publication.

The SEM value takes into account the measurement error (SD and ICC) for the 6MWD, hence, the anchor based MCID should exceed the SEM value. Your SEM value was estimated to 12.9 meters while the anchor based MCID was estimated to 17.8 meters, indicating that your MCID exceeded the measurement error, which again strengthen your findings. This issue should be taken into consideration in your discussion before final acceptance for publication.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that that I have no competing interests