Reviewer's report

Title: The Physical Capability of Community-Based Men and Women from a British Cohort: The European Prospective Investigation into Cancer (EPIC)-Norfolk Study

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Authors report an interesting result using a data of the EPIC-Norfolk Study. Overall, the manuscript is well-written. Although there are several minor problems that need to be addressed, reviewer thinks that the manuscript will be suitable for publication after the revision.

Minor Essential Revisions

Figure 2
The authors described that few population-based studies have published physical performance measures by age-group and gender, making it difficult to estimate how many older people are likely to fall below thresholds necessitating muscle mass measurement. If so, the reviewer suggests that the authors should use following cut points: gait speed <= 0.8 m/s, and hand-grip strength < 20 kg (women) or < 30 kg (men).

In the results and discussion sections, the authors mainly described the associations of physical performance measures with age and sex that is second purpose of this study. The authors should also discuss the main results of this study sufficiently.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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 I have no competing interests.