Reviewer's report

Title: A snapshot of the prevalence of physical activity amongst older, community dwelling Victorians: patterns across the young-old and old-old

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Reviewer: Miles Witham

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General

I am generally happy with the changes made.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

p6 para 3: Omit 'almost a thousand' - state 984 people were contacted (not recruited)
p8 para 1: first category of age should read 65-69
p9 para 1: The wide SD for minutes walked suggests that this variable may not be normally distributed. If it is skewed, quote the median and interquartile range - and use a non-normal test to compare groups. It would be useful to state in the statistical analysis section on p8 which tests were used here.
p10 para 1: change p's>0.01 to all p values >0.01 - why not >0.05 if you felt that they were non-significant?
p13 para 3: Should read 'The presence of co-morbid conditions...'

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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 I have no competing interests