Reviewer's report

Title: Gender differences in the use of transportation services to community rehabilitation programs

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Under section 2: explicit answers to the following questions are not given:

What is included in a typical programme [eg amount of exercise, lifestyle advice/education]: it would help to know the duration and content; it seems that the content was variable and changed over time as the authors have stated.

The survey method is not specified. One assumes it was a postal survey.

Under section 6

The survey was conducted in Tokyo and the authors should change their statement to reflect this to read'...deliver the message that Japanese females living in Tokyo were less likely to access CRPs ....

Discretionary Revisions

Under section 2

It is not clear exactly what information was obtained from the participants and the information obtained from the programme administrators.

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: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'