Reviewer's report

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My general impression is that the article has improved and that the authors have responded well to most of the comments.

On page 8:
It is still not clear whether the persons with MD and their partner had private interviews without the other attending in the same room.

I think the information that the interviewer got lunch can be taken away. More interesting would be to know whether the observations on mobility and physical limitations were made systematic or just random depending on what kind of activities they had reason to do.

In the discussion:
A limit in the study that could be addressed more distinct is that the results generated from the couples interviewed cannot be generalised beyond older couples with probably a long relation where almost all are out of the ordinary labour market. To give support combined with a working life is different to e. g. being a housewife or working on occasions.