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Title: Perceived Benefits and Barriers to Exercise for Recently Treated Patients with Multiple Myeloma: A Qualitative Study

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I have made a few suggestions of changes. They are mainly language but a few comments of clarification.

Line 114. the sentence would read better if it ended after the brackets and began with “In addition Coleman et al. reported a high exercise attrition rate of 42%...”

Line 196 should read “In terms of qualitative data, the interviews were transcribed....

On page 14 the quote beginning on line 327-330 would benefit by having a word in [ ] which explained what the man was referring to. Was he referring to his pain?

Line 425 should read “Low self motivation and lack of interest...

Line 429 should read “particularly in the morning

Line 467 should read “None of the participants from this study engaged in vigorous physical activity. We found that participating in light to....

Line 469 should read “...that effect mobility; and who are also

Line 476 further clarification would be helpful... site-specific alterations – to what? It is not clear what you are referring to.

I would delete the paragraph from line 493-508, as I don’t think it adds anything to this paper.

Line 525 it is not clear what the association is with is it associated with an improvement in several quality of life domains?

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Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests