Reviewer's report

Title: Participation in everyday activities and quality of life in pre-teenage children living with cerebral palsy in South West Ireland.

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Minor Essential Revisions

The authors have addressed the major areas of concern and made substantial changes to the paper. In order to link the conclusions to the purpose of the study and to demonstrate the contribution of the study to the area of participation literature the background section needs some work.

One of the major focuses of this research is on the impact of participation on quality of life for children with CP. A stronger review of the link between quality of life and participation in general is needed in the background section. For example, what factors are known to influence participation for children with disabilities (social supports, barriers in the built environment, and attitudes towards persons with disabilities….)? The authors should include the Rationale for why the authors chose to focus on frequency of participation to define participation and not to include information about the range of participation, who the children participate with, and where they are participating in activities. The authors use the International Classification of Function (ICF) to define participation but do not explain how this model guided their selection of measures.

It is recommended that the focus on frequency of participation alone is another limitation with this study.

There are places throughout the manuscript where the authors have use acronyms without previously writing out the full term or name (i.e. pp. 2 ICF and FPQ).

This paper has been improved significantly and with some minor changes could be considered for publication.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a
statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests’.