Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and correlates of physical disability and functional limitation among older people in Malaysia, a middle income country

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Major compulsory revisions:
1. Please provide detail on who conducted clinical assessments and what training staff had. Also, how were differences in language, translation of instruments, and interviewer training addressed?

2. The authors do not explicitly relate physical performance measures to self-reported ADL disability. This is a missed opportunity. A section describing this relationship would be valuable and help in the interpretation of ADL disability prevalence. For example, is the correlation between performance and self-report of the same magnitude in the different ethnic groups?

Minor essential revision:
1. The discussion is valuable but longer than necessary.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.