Reviewer's report

Title: Young adolescents’ independent mobility - Related factors and association with transport to school. A cross-sectional study.

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This manuscript is well-written, beginning to address factors that contribute to adolescents’ mobility, which has important ramifications for public health. The authors appropriately draw very limited and reserved conclusions from the results, as the aim was only to investigate the relationships among factors affecting adolescents' perceived freedom to move.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Although the description of the Hierarchical Ascendant Classification (HAC) was extensive, further clarification of the meanings of the terms "categories," "classes," and "joints," (perhaps with an explanatory figure) would be welcome.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.