Reviewer's report

Title: Physical Environmental Factors Related to Walking and Cycling in Older Adults: the Belgian Aging Studies

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Major Compulsory Revisions (2):
1. Line 146-159:
   (Repetitive question) Does this method of measuring PA with questionnaire and older-volunteer collectors have any results of the test-retest reliability (e.g., measuring twice within an interval of 10 days) and validity (e.g., comparing with objective measures) tests? If yes, then describe it in the methods section. If no, then describe it in the limitation section.
   Readers might be interested in the quality of measuring the PA data.

2. Conclusion (Line 74-80 and 538-546):
   Please comment about the results regarding the primary objective. Authors state that “the primary objective of the present study is to investigate the relationship between area of residence (urban, semi-urban or rural) and walking and cycling for transportation and recreation in Flemish older adults.” (137-139).

Minor Essential Revisions: no
Discretionary Revisions: no

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.