Reviewer's report

Title: How do couples influence each other's physical activity behaviours in retirement: an exploratory qualitative study

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Overall, this manuscript is well-written, easy-to-read, and insightful. It was a pleasure to read and review. I have some very minor comments for the authors.

Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. None.

Minor Essential Revisions:

2. Page 21, Paragraph 1: The sentence “Similarly, Tucker et al. [2] reported that a partner’s modelling of favourable health behaviours was an effective strategy to motivate health behaviour change in their spouse.” appears to have an incorrect reference? The paper by Tucker et al. does not appear to deal with the topic of partner modeling in any context.

3. Page 23, Paragraph 1: “Participants seemed to feel relaxed and at ease with the interview situation and said that they enjoyed taking the young woman from the University.” Should “taking” be “talking to”?

4. Page 28, Reference 58: Appears there is some form of formatting error with the references as the last reference (58) is duplicated in a smaller text version without numbering.

Discretionary Revisions:

5. Page 13, last sentence: Replacing “maintain” with “remain” might improve clarity in this sentence?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.