Reviewer's report

Title: A qualitative examination of the impact of microgrants to promote physical activity among adolescents

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Minor Essential Revisions

Abstract

Background

1. Page 2, line 27: Suggest creating an acronym for Physical Activity (PA). The use of this acronym is commonplace throughout PA research.

Methods

1. Page 2, line 30: Suggest removing reference [1] from abstract and provide only within the manuscript itself.

2. Page 2, line 30: Please write out numbers less than ten.

Background

1. Page 3, line 54: Suggest describing briefly the other factors.

2. Page 3, lines 58-59: Suggest removing ‘(see www.globalpa.org.uk)’ and all other web links from the text and placing them within the reference section unless required by journal.

3. Page 3, lines 69-70: In some places ‘community organizations’ is capitalized. Please choose one style.

4. Page 4, line 75: Please define the ‘WALK’ and ‘AU’ acronyms in first use. For example ‘Women's Active Living Kits (WALK) Community Grant Scheme’

Method

1. Page 5, line 114: Suggest not capitalizing ‘Organization’.

2. Page 7, line 141: Should ‘assent’ be consent here?

Results

1. Page 13, line 289: Please write out the number ‘9’.

Discussion
1. Page 22, lines 485-487: Suggest rewriting the opening sentence more concisely and omitting the parentheses. ‘The objective of this multiple case study was to explore the potential role of microgrants (in this case, Teen Physical Activity Grants) in enhancing physical activity opportunities for Canadian adolescents.’

2. Page 22 line 494: Again, the use of parentheses is unnecessary and employed excessively throughout the entire manuscript.

3. Suggest removing ‘and colleagues’ throughout the entire manuscript and replacing with ‘et al.’ when appropriate.

4. Page 24, lines 529-531: The authors state that ‘Building on this qualitative study, objective measurement of physical activity is likely needed to accurately assess such impact, although and appropriate research design to test such effects is likely prohibitive.’ but never state why it is prohibitive. Is this due to cost of the necessary devices, lack of widely accepted methods for assessing PA objectively, or possibly low levels of compliance?

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