Author's response to reviews

Title: Physical inactivity is strongly associated with anxiety and depression in Iraqi immigrants to Sweden: A cross-sectional study

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Dear Natalie Pafitis,

Thanks a lot for providing a review of our manuscript and for giving us the opportunity to submit a revised version. Our point-by-point response to the reviewer’s comments are presented below (in green color.)

We consider our manuscript being appropriate for publication in BMC Public Health and hope you agree with us.

Yours sincerely,

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Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Anu Molarius

Reviewer's report:
The authors have sufficiently dealt with most of the points raised in the review. I have a few remaining comments.

“In this high risk group for diabetes” in the abstract would require an explanation and since there is no place for such an explanation in the abstract (and it does not appear anywhere in the manuscript), this should be deleted.

[Authors] The phrase is now deleted from abstract.

On page 7 in the methods section it is stated that differences in means between groups were adjusted for age and sex using linear regression models. In which analyses were linear regression models used? Or should this sentence be deleted?

[Authors] Linear regression models are now replaced by general linear models and their use has been clarified in the manuscript. All data in table one was recalculated using general linear models but that didn't change outcome of our data.

On page 9 in the discussion section the authors state that studies on refugees are not relevant in comparison with the current study. Are not the Iraqis in this study at least partly (former) refugees? This requires a further explanation.

[Authors] This sentence has been deleted from manuscript since some of the participants could have been refugees when they first arrived in Sweden, although they have now been staying in Sweden for an average of 17-20 years.

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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.