Reviewer's report

Title: Are persons with rheumatoid arthritis deconditioned? A review of physical activity and aerobic capacity.

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The authors search the literature for physical activity in RA population. The literature search is appropriate, the manuscript is clear and tables are comprehensible. Mistakes in bibliography referencing made very fastidious the reviewing of this paper. I have a few remarks.

- Major Compulsory Revisions
  The authors should mention the results of another review recently published (Physical Activity in Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Systematic Review. Tierney M, Fraser A, Kennedy N. J Phys Act Health. 2011) and may emphasize the originality of their data and explain the differences in inclusion criteria.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  The references should be revised.

- Discretionary Revisions
  A meta-analysis for aerobic capacity could bring further insight. Did the heterogeneity between studies was the only reason why authors did not consider a meta-analysis?

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'