Reviewer’s report

Title: Reliability and validity of the Physical Activity Scale for the Elderly (PASE) in patients with hip osteoarthritis.

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Reviewer: Kathleen Spanjers

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Analysis, second paragraph, third sentence-reviewer recommends revising the wording.

2. Table 2-Term “SDC (smallest detectable change)” appears in this table. Elsewhere in the manuscript the term “MDC (minimal detectable change)” is used. Reviewer recommends standardising terminology throughout the manuscript, and suggests the term MDC be used.

3. Table 3-Is currently labelled as Table 2.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Background, second paragraph, third sentence- consider changing “is” to “are”.

2. Analysis, last paragraph-consider whether SPSS citation and referencing agrees with conventional reporting recommendations.

3. Discussion, third paragraph, fifth sentence- consider changing “is” to “are”.

4. Discussion, fourth paragraph, first sentence- consider changing “represent” to “represents”.

5. Discussion, fifth paragraph, fifth sentence- consider changing “distinguishing” to “distinguish”.

6. Discussion, ninth paragraph, tenth sentence- consider inserting “the fact” after “This may be due to”.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.