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Title: Effects of Exercise on Depressive Symptoms in Adults with Arthritis and Other Rheumatic Disease: A Systematic Review of Meta-analyses

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General Comments:
This revised article detailed the results of a systematic review of previous meta-analyses of exercise effects on depressive symptoms among individuals with arthritis and/or other rheumatic disease(s). The authors revised their evaluation and summarization to include two previous meta-analyses of exercise effects on depressive symptoms among adults with fibromyalgia, concluding that exercise improves depressive symptoms in adults with fibromyalgia and that there is a continued need to meta-analytic work in this area.

The authors did an outstanding job addressing the initial comments. This revision succinctly and adequately addressed the issues raised in the prior reviews, and the revised manuscript is strengthened as a result. The purpose of this research is well-defined, the methods are well-articulated and appropriate, and the research is of interest to the field.

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.