Reviewer’s report

Title: Questionnaire development for the Lolland-Falster Health Study, Denmark: an iterative and incremental process

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper. My comments are as follows:

Abstract: Appropriate.

Introduction: Page 3, Line 11 "correlations" should be "associations"
Line 38, "On this background..." should be "Based on this..."

LOLLAND-FALSTER HEALTH STUDY (LOFUS)

Page 4, line 3, "was" should be "is"
line 43 Please expand on "etc."

Line 48-55 "While LOFUS focused on a disadvantaged, rural-provincial area of Denmark [9], it took offset in the Danish General Suburban Population Study (GESUS) from a larger provincial town [12], which in turn was based on the Copenhagen City Heart Study (CCHS) from an area in the Copenhagen capital [13]." Present tense (ie focuses) should be used as the study is current. The sentence is also unclear - should "took offset" be something like "developed from"?

Page 5, line 15 "The responsible.." Should this be "The responsible person..?"

Line 25 "two-three" is this "two to three" or "up to three" or "two or three"

Page 5 Table 1 "Reasonable group size". What do the author define as "reasonable" should this be "Adequate group size for subanalyses"
QUESTIONNAIRE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Page 7, line 13 "both" generally refers to two characteristics, four are listed so "both" should be deleted.

Themes and scales/items

Page 9, line 4, "retrained" should be "retained"

Pre-testing

Page 10, line 30 "pre-test" should be "pre-testing"

Discussion

Page 13, line 13 "The LOFUS staff experienced that some participants reacted." Should be "The LOFUS staff experienced some participants who reacted..."

Otherwise discussion is appropriate

Conclusion: Appropriate

Tables: Appropriate.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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