Reviewer's report

Title: Physical activity restriction in age-related eye disease: Exploring fear of falling as a potential mediator

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Overall, a well written paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. I have concerns about the decision to not include depression in the multi-variate analysis. Previous reports have found associations between vision and depression as well as other psychological impairments.
2. Other variables such as social interaction, support use, walking disability, walking speed may all affect the associations.
3. The inclusion of number of co-morbid conditions should be noted as a limitation. The effect of arthritis, diabetes or heart disease may differ greatly to conditions such as hyperlipidaemia. Hence 1 conditions may not have equal effect on another.
4. Though the use of a hip mounted accelerometer is better than self-reported activity, upper body physical active such as gardening may be underestimated. Perhaps a combination of self-reported and device measured activity may be warranted.

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

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