Reviewer's report

Title: Purchasing and Using Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS): How Decisions are Made by Community-Dwelling Seniors in Canada

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This is a well written paper with a well-defined question. The data seem to be sound and handled in a good way methodologically. I have not identified any major compulsory revisions.

Minor essential revisions:

1. The interpretation of the data is balanced. It is good that the theoretical implications are stated clearly, but it would be interesting if the theoretical implications also had been discussed in relation to available research on the topic. I think some references should be added here.

Should reviewers propose their own articles in the review process, or is that just a matter of being self-centred? Given that a little is written on this topic, I think the articles below would improve, both the background and the discussion, if these two articles are included. They are on the same topic and some of the conclusions are closely related to the ones in the article under review.

Martina Boström, Anita Björklund, Sofia Kjellström, Bo Malmberg, 2011, Personal emergency response system (PERS) alarms may induce insecurity feelings, Gerontechnology, Vol 10, nr 3, s140-145.


2. The methods is well described. I only have one question regarding the socio demographic data, was this collected orally during the focus group, or in some other way? The procedure is currently unclearly described.

3. Since figure 1 is essential in order to understand the result section, I suggest that the two main themes are marked more clearly, either by colour, the same shape or at least same shade of grey.

Discretionary revisions

1. I miss a sentence that describe the most central research ethical issues that
were addressed in this study, e.g. the informed consent process.

**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'