Reviewer's report

Title: The longitudinal association of cognitive appraisals and coping strategies with physical functioning in older adults with joint pain and comorbidity: a cohort study

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I thank the authors for their reply. They adequately addressed most comments.

I still think the authors could have conducted individual analyses looking at whether including lifestyle, BMI, etc in the model one at a time, would have changed the relationship between coping and physical functioning, but the paper is also valuable without those additional analyses.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests