Reviewer’s report

Title: Hand-Grip Strength Among Older Adults In Singapore: A Comparison With International Norms And Associative Factors

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1) I don't think the authors' purpose was to "examine the normative values." Rather, I believe it was to "establish" them.

2) There are problems with expression throughout the paper. In the Abstract for example: Relationships are not performed. "Greater height and weight"…..are

3) I wouldn't say hand grip strength is associated with frailty and sarcopenia. I'd say it is used to help identify frailty and sarcopenia.

4) If a numbering system is used for references in the text, the listing of all authors is not necessary.

5) Phrases such as "In a recent paper by…" are seldom warranted. They make for wordiness. Just write "Malhotra et al recently published normative values for grip strength using data obtained in the Social…..

6) "Upper arm circumference" is a misnomer as the arm (brachium) in the upper limb between the shoulder and elbow. The phrase "mid-arm circumference" is more appropriate.
7) The authors' measurements of arm and waist circumference are not conventional.

8) The proper term is "Hand-grip dynamometer." Hand-held dynamometers are held by an examiner and applied to a patient.

9) I'm not sure as to Journal style, but in the References some journal titles are written out and some are abbreviated. Also, some article titles are capitalized while others are not.

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