Reviewer’s report

Title: Prevalence of and Factors associated with Sarcopenia among Multi-Ethnic Ambulatory Older Asians with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in a primary care setting

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Most concerns were addressed. Some minor points. Since total skeletal muscle mass index, not appendicular skeletal muscle index, I will suggest the authors to include all the cutpoint numbers (muscle mass, strength, walking speed) in the method section, not just according to the AWGS guideline.

The explanation of light house work and worked for pay/volunteer are not satisfactory.

Those who can do light house work or worked for pay/volunteer were in general in better health condition compared to those who cannot. Therefore, It is really hard to understand why those more active/healthier people are more likely to have sarcopenia. Please provide better reasoning.

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