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This is quite an interesting paper and is trying to answer a meaningful question.

However, there are some major issues which would need addressing:

1) The literature review is not sufficient. Although there may be no existing scales, there is a substantial amount of literature interact with the outdoor space. Major frameworks include the ecological theory of ageing and the prosentia hypothesis (which focus on how outdoor space can improve outdoor being. Moreover, there are various types of adults which may need to be considered: those who are mobile and those who may not so mobile, not to mention those in residential care. Some conceptual needs to be considered.

2) More details need to given on how the initial questions were formulated. How were the participants guided to come up with items? Apart from the term Grounded Theories, there did seem to be any information about the procedure and guiding questions etc.

3) How was Table 2 derived? Were "neutral" parties not involved in drawing the categories?

4) It is a bit odd the social interaction was not listed as a function of outdoor space.

5) The quantitative analysis seemed to suggest that there is some validity and reliability of the derived scale. The question is what it theoretical framework of this paper and also how representative the results are, taking into the diversity of needs in older adults.

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