Reviewer’s report

Title: A reliability assessment of a direct-observation park evaluation tool: the Parks, activity and recreation among kids (PARKS) tool

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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Page 25, line 584. Second author in reference should be “Wilhelm Stanis SA”
2. Page 15, line 330. Change “presence of pedestrian safety items” to “presence of pedestrian safety item” (per response to minor essential revision #6 in last review)

Discretionary Revisions
1. Page 13, line 298. Remove the first ’directly’ in the sentence to read “Thirty-six items on the PARK Tool were drawn from the POST; …”. The confusion is saying that they were directly drawn in the first part of the sentence, but then saying they are not directly comparable in the second part of the sentence. (per response to minor essential revision #5 in last review)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests