Reviewer’s report

Title: A Stepped-Wedge Implementation and Evaluation of the Healthy Active Peaceful Playgrounds for Youth (HAPPY) Intervention

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The authors have addressed almost all of my comments with the following minor exceptions:

1. Table 3 is still not entirely clear in terms of n and footnotes should be added. I would indicate that the (n=114) in the table heading refers to the number of scans (correct?) whereas the superscript n refer to the number of children undertaking that particular activity (or number of scans)? The authors said they have clarified in the table - but they have not, while it might be in the text, tables should "stand alone" and be able to be interpreted by themselves.

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