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Title: Patterns and correlates of physical activity in adult Norwegians: a forecasted evolution up to 2025 based on Machine Learning approach

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Dear Editor Natalie Pafitis,

We are submitting a revised version of the manuscript entitled “Patterns and correlates of physical activity in adult Norwegians: a forecasted evolution up to 2025 based on Machine Learning approach”. We thank the referee for his insightful comments, which we feel have contributed improving the quality of our paper.

In accordance with editor and reviewer’s comments, the manuscript has been revised for English language usage and style by a fluent English speaker. We also add the statements that the editor required. The point-by-point responses to editor and reviewer comments are provided below.

We feel that revised version of this manuscript has improved and we are pleased about the quality that the manuscript has now achieved. We hope that you will agree. Please find attached a point-by-point response to reviewers’ concerns. We hope that you find our responses satisfactory.

Kind Regards, on behalf of all authors

Authors’ responses:

- Editor Comments:

(1) Please state in the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section of your manuscript whether the data used for your study is openly available or whether you received permission (and from who) to use this.
Authors’ response: We add the sentence you suggested into the 'Ethics approval and consent to participate' section.

(2) Please state at the end of your 'Authors' Contributions' section that 'All authors read and approved the final manuscript'

Authors’ response: We add the following sentence in the 'Authors' Contributions' section: ‘The data used for this study were collected by independent market research company (Ipsos MMI, Oslo). The dataset, and right to use it for research purposes, was purchased by Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences. The study was approved according to the ethical guidelines set by The Norwegian Data Protection Authority.’

- Reviewer reports - Charles (Chad) M Heilig (Reviewer 1):

Authors have been responsive. I have no further substantive comments.

Consider one more pass for English language usage and style, at the editor's discretion.

Authors’ response: The paper was been revised by a fluent English speaker to improve English language usage and style.