Reviewer’s report

Title: Examining the relationships between walkability and physical activity among seniors: What about stairs?

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Reviewer: Claudia Meyer

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This is generally a well-written manuscript and addresses a gap in the literature.

The manuscript would benefit from consistent terminology.

Throughout the document, the terms seniors, older adults and the elderly have been used - please choose an appropriate term and maintain consistency.

Pg 6, line 27, please specify an age range for older adults

Pg 7, Figure 1 would benefit from further information in the 'abstract' text box and would benefit from an additional box at the bottom regarding the 5 papers that discussed stairs

Pg 7, reference to Table 1 (there does not appear to be a Table 2) I am unsure why it was necessary to put all of the studies (>200 papers) into a table and included in the reference list. It makes for an extraordinarily long paper. If it is felt that the information is important, perhaps it can be added as a supplementary file.

It would be of benefit to have the detail of the 5 studies that included mention of stairs.

Pg 7, line 59 Not sure that it is important to mention meta-analysis given that you were interested in the primary studies. If there is a reason it is important, please include it here

Pg 8, line 4 Was it possible to separate data according to age, given that you were interested in older adults?

Pg 11, line 26, The focus seems to have dropped from older adults.

The review was designed for older adults so this needs to be kept a focus throughout

Otherwise a pleasure to read

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