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Examining the relationships between individual's time use and activity participations with their health indicators

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Abstract

Purpose Using a three-week household activity-travel survey, this paper explores the relationship between individuals' self-reported physical, mental and social health conditions and their time allocation for different types of in-home and out-of-home time activities.

Methods A path model is developed to investigate the roles of activity-travel time use on the self-reported health conditions, while the socio-demographics and residential environment characteristics are also considered.

Results The model results reveal heterogeneous impacts of different types of activities and intensities on individual's self-reported health conditions. This study, however, did not find evidence of positive relationship between cycling and walking and self-reported physical health condition, which has been found in many developed countries. Presumably this is because in developing countries like Indonesia the individuals who walk and cycle are likely to be a part of economically disadvantaged groups who have less awareness to their own health conditions.

Conclusion Beside activity and travel time use factors, age and working status were found significantly affecting the self-reported health conditions, regardless of respondents' gender and income. Neighbourhood characteristics, such as population

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density, are also found positively correlated to self-reported respondents' physical, social and mental health conditions.

Keywords Day-to-day variability · In-home and out-of-home activity participations · Physical mental and social health indicators · Indonesia

1 Introduction

In the last decade, there has been a surge in the studies that investigate the positive health effects from the use of physically active travel modes such as walking and cycling. These active travel modes have gained attentions from both transport/urban planners and public health experts because they are considered as of low-emissions, space efficient, and can positively contribute to the travellers' physical health [1–4]. Hallal et al. [5] estimated that today, globally, 30% of adults were lack of physical activities. Together with an energy-dense diet, insufficient physical activities would lead to obesity epidemic, a condition that is associated with cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes, cancer and impaired mental health [6–9].

Based on this believe, many governments are promoting cycling and walking as an alternative to reduce the health risk that comes out from sedimentary lifestyle (e.g. [10, 11]). The physical health impacts from walking and cycling have now started to be taken into account in various governments' cost-benefit analysis processes. Various methods were proposed to measure and compare the health impacts of active travel. Typical health impacts models that were used to assess the impact of these physically active transport activities are based on hypothetical scenarios with mostly linear correlation assumption on changes in the amount of active travel and the health gains (e.g. [12, 13]). Systematic reviews on the



impacts of physically active travel modes to the travellers' health conditions can be seen at Mueller et al. [9] and Wanner et al. [14], for example. Most of previous studies agree to each other that higher participations in physically active travel activities, such as walking and cycling, correlate with a better physical health condition in general. The expected impacts, however, vary across different socio-demographic groups, and some are contradicting with each other. For example, some studies such as Vogel et al. [15] highlighted the benefit of physically active travel for older people since the activity is expected to substantially reduce the absolute risk for chronic degenerative disease. Some studies (e.g. [15-22]) also argued that the risk would outweigh the detriments of traffic incidents and air pollution exposure. However, Mueller et al. [9] also pointed out that the argument that older people benefit differently from the same physically active exposure than younger people remains inconclusive. Woodcock et al. [17, 23] argue that older people would benefit a larger mortality risk reduction from physically active participation compared to younger people, whereas Götschi et al. [4] explained that the impacts of physically active travel is also a function of the current conditions of the travellers. 30 min cycling would have relatively smaller impacts to the travellers who have been cycling everyday compared to the ones who hardly cycle at all in their live. Mueller et al. [9] concluded that the benefits of physically active travel participation "are sensitive to the contextual setting and population parameters. Health impact estimations depend on baseline prevalence of active travel participation, baseline exposure to health pathways and the general status of the population."

Moving to the context of the analysis, most previous studies measured the health effects of active travel based on one day (or "average day") observation of a given individual's travel or aggregate, cross-section, based observations. Observing a physically active travel on the given day for a given individual does not necessarily mean he/she has a physically active travel routine on a day-to-day basis (thus difficult to measure his/her baseline exposure to a healthy lifestyle). Furthermore, many studies put a lot of emphasise on a particular indicator of active travel, i.e. frequency or amount of walking and cycling, as individual's main travel mode on their main trip leg. However, in reality, most travellers are multimodal travellers and, in many cases, the last-mile and short trips modes have a higher frequency and intensity than a regular, medium-long distance, routine trips. Furthermore, since individual needs and desires are not

constant from day-to-day, an individual's activity-travel pattern is neither totally repetitious nor random every day [24-29]. The repetitiveness of mode choices highly correlates with the accessibilities of the activity locations, whereas different types of activity have different patterns of repetition. Moreover, most of the previous studies tend to overlook the benefits and/or dis-benefits that the individuals gain from and the trade-off between their daily in-home and out-of-home activities. This can lead to an over or under estimated benefits of physical active travel to individual's well-being and also to their physical health conditions, e.g. trade-off between an active travel and an active training in a gym. Therefore, it is important to quantify the benefits that an individual gains from both physically activity travel and their day-to-day in-home and out-of-home activities in order to better understand the real value of physically active travel behaviours; not only to physical health, but also to individual's social and mental health.

To contribute to these research gaps, using a 3-weeks travel diary which was collected in the Bandung Metropolitan Area, Indonesia, this study investigates the relationships between travellers' physically active travel participation with the type and intensity of their daily activities and their self-assessed physical, mental and social health conditions. This study not only investigates the impacts of day-to-day variability of different types of in-home and out-of-home activities to individual's health related aspects, but also reveals such behaviours, correlations, and trends in the context of developing country, i.e. Indonesia, which, to authors' knowledge, has never been studied in the past.

In the next section, the study area is described and so as the used datasets. It is followed by a section which presents the descriptive analyses on individual's different time use allocation on different day towards different type of in-home and out-of-home activities. Section 4 describes the estimation results on the influence of one's activity participations with ones' self-reported physical, mental, social health conditions. Conclusions will be presented in Section 5.

2 The study area and data description

2.1 The Bandung metropolitan area (BMA)

The Bandung Metropolitan Area (BMA) is the capital of the Province of West Java and is approximately 200 km or two to three hours' drive south of Jakarta. With its



conurbation, BMA population is about 7.89 million people, in a 3382.89 square km size area and is the second largest metropolitan area in Indonesia after the Jakarta Metropolitan Area. As a typical city in developing countries, the BMA has a very relaxed or unplanned mixed and monocentric land use, congested road networks, and poor public transport networks and services [30, 31]. Road congestion and the low performance of public transport/paratransit encourage the BMA's travellers to use motorcycles to reduce their travel costs and time [32–35]. At the same time, they usually have more choices within a closer range in which to conduct their activities along their travel routes, due to the highly mixed land use configurations.

2.2 The 2013 BMA dataset

The BMA dataset contains household, physical activity and lifestyle, individual's subjective characteristics, time-use and activity diary, and subjective well-being data. The survey involved 732 individuals and 191 households from all over BMA for 21 consecutive days. The household data section contains household composition, individual's perception about how far his/her accommodation from city centre, public and transportation facilities, and build environment variables. Time-use and activity diary survey captured twenty-three in-home and out-of-home activity classifications, travel duration and mode characteristics, and multitasking activities for adults, young adults and children above 7 years old. In this study, time-use activity participation was classified into several groups of mandatory and discretionary activities.

In this study, the mandatory activities are categorised into: (1) in-home and (2) out-of-home mandatory activities. Out-of-home mandatory activities were defined as activities to meet other individuals or materials with high degree temporal and spatial fixity at a location outside home base such as working at workplace locations, studying at school, having business meeting and dropping off/picking up children to/from school locations. Activities undertaken at home for fulfilling individual's basic needs such as sleeping, eating and personal care is defined as in-home mandatory activities which have high degree of temporal and spatial fixity [36].

Discretionary activities were categorised into (1) maintenance and (2) leisure activities. Discretionary activities for satisfying household and personal physiological and biological needs [37] were defined as maintenance activities. This includes in-home maintenance activities, such as housekeeping and nursing activities, as well as out-of-home maintenance activities such as

grocery shopping, health treatment activities and other service activities (such as going to bank, post office) [38]. As leisure activities were discretionary activities undertaken within individual's available time either inhome or out-of-home for satisfying cultural and physiological needs [37]. This includes entertainment (such as watching TV, listening music/radio, reading magazines/newspapers and accessing the Internet), social and family activities (such as meeting with family members and friends, visiting relatives/friends and undertaking sport, leisure, and voluntary activities and going on holiday). Multi-tasking activities is defined as concurrent activities contained primary and secondary activities [39, 40] for satisfying different needs and desires at the same time.

The questionnaire contained a section with healthrelated quality of life (QoL) questions and its potential influencing factors. Health-related QoL was developed based on SF-36 (Short-Form 36), one of the most widely used generic measures for health-related surveys [41]. It contains eight subscales that consider physical, social and mental health, which are measured in categories such as physical functioning (PF), limitations on role functioning according to physical health (RP), bodily pain (BP), general health (GH), mental health (MH), limitations on role functioning due to emotional problems (RE), social functioning (SF) and vitality (VT). As suggested by Suzukamo et al. [42], PF, RP and BP will be defined as physical health, RP, SF and RE as social health, and BP, GH, VT, SF, MH as mental health. The extra influence factors related to these questions include questions about health promoting activities, lifestyle and habits that coincide with the individual's time-use and activity diary, as well as the quality of residential environments [41]. This questionnaire also included detailed questions about physical activities in order to determine the average daily physical activities of individuals (as based on the International Physical Activities Questionnaire (IPAQ) (http://ipaq.ki.se) [43] that may influence their physical, social and mental health. More detailed description on the dataset and survey design can be found at Dharmowijoyo et al. [44]. The health indicators that were collected during the survey can be seen at Table 1 below and the profiles of the respondents can be seen at Table 2.

2.3 Descriptive analysis

The travel and activity participation distribution across the observed period can be seen at Table 2. It is shown



Table 1	Health	survey	questions
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Category	Description
Physical activities	 Body weight and height Vigorous activities as part of the individual's work/school activities and around the home environment Moderate activities as part of the individual's work/school activities and around the home environment Walking as part of the individual's work/school activities (excluding travel activities) Travel activities using a motorised mode/s Non-motorised transport activities (cycling and walking) Activities performed sitting down
Physical activities in leisure time as part of health promoting activities	 Objective and subjective measurement of walking Objective and subjective measurement of vigorous active exercise with and without bodily collision, such as soccer, basketball, running, playing tennis/badminton, fast cycling, aerobics, swimming, etc. Objective and subjective measurement of moderate active exercise with and without bodily collision, such as light cycling, light swimming, light tennis/badminton, etc.
Social and communication activities with family members and other people	 Social and communication activities with other people, such as voluntary and organisational activities, attending events and socialising at events Social and communication activities with other family members
Lifestyle and health habits	Eight types of habits: eating breakfast, enough sleep, eating balanced meals, smoking, drinking alcohol, working less than nine hours each day, under stress/pressure circumstances
Health-related quality of life	 Subjective measurement of an individual's health and comparison with the previous year Physical functioning Limitations on role functioning due to physical health Bodily pain General health Mental health Limitations on role functioning due to emotional problems Social functioning Vitality

in the table that individuals engage with different amounts of activity and trips on different day of the weeks. Whilst Friday, on average, is the busiest day in terms of activity engagement, travel time and number of trips and trip chaining, it also has the highest proportion of non-motorised mode trips. Consistent with case studies in developed countries (e.g., [45]), it was found that in Bandung individuals only spent around 4-5% of their time on travel. The data on Table 2 shows that in-home activities such as sleeping, in-home preparation and eating activities take more than 75% of individuals' daily time expenditure. This highlights the importance of understanding the physical activity intensity whilst one is at home and the trade-off between in-home and out-ofhome activities since in-home mandatory and working/ school activities act as an anchor and will limit the individual's ability to do other activities within his/her time-space on a given day [46-49].

The subjective health variables were categorised and three factor scores related to physical, mental and social health were derived from the factor analysis [44]. The derived factor scores are the estimated values of the factors in factor analysis. Detailed health-related Likert scale questions are designed to based on the International Physical Activities Questionnaire (IPAQ) (http://ipaq.ki.se) and these questions are used to derive the health scores. A complete list of the health-related Likert scale questions can be found in Table 1. Figure 1 presents the factor scores and their related Likert scale questions. Those scores are then normalized with the mean close to zero (as shown in Table 2). The factor scores show clear asymmetry with a kurtosis toward negative value. This indicates a larger share of respondents who reported very bad health conditions compared to those who reported very good health conditions.

3 The variabilities within ones' self-reported physical, mental, social health conditions

To understand the trade-off between in-home and outof-home activities on a daily basis, the distributions of time use across different physically, mentally, and



Table 2 Profiles of the samples used in the study

Socio-demographic and Travel Activity Characteristics	Percentage/Mean
Trip engagements and travel time spent across different days of the week:	
Number of trips/day from Monday-Thursday	2.52
Number of trips/day on Friday	2.76
Number of trips/day on weekends	2.29
Number of trip chains/day from Monday-Thursday	1.20
Number of trip chains/day on Friday	1.31
Number of trip chains/day on weekends	1.08
Percentage of days using motorized mode from Monday-Thursday	40.49%
Percentage of days using motorized mode on Friday	37.88%
Percentage of days using motorized mode on weekends	36.77%
Percentage of days using public transport mode from Monday-Thursday	15.20%
Percentage of days using public transport mode on Friday	14.56%
Percentage of days using public transport mode on weekends	9.55%
Percentage of days using non-motorized mode from Monday-Thursday	33.23%
Percentage of days using non-motorized mode on Friday	35.75%
Percentage of days using non-motorized mode on weekends	32.08%
Total travel time spent from Monday-Thursday (minutes)	73.97 (5.14%)*
Total travel time spent on Friday (minutes)	75.76 (5.26%)*
Total travel time spent on weekends (minutes)	69.35 (4.82%)*
Time spent for different activities on different days of the week:	
Time spent for in-home mandatory activities from Monday-Thursday (minutes)	686.33 (47.66%)
Time spent for in-home mandatory activities on Friday (minutes)	700.00 (48.61%)
Time spent for in-home mandatory activities on weekends (minutes)	738.18 (51.26%)
Time spent for in-home leisure and maintenance activities from Monday-Thursday (minutes)	302.65 (21.02%)
Time spent for in-home leisure and maintenance activities on Friday (minutes)	313.81 (21.79%)
Time spent for in-home leisure and maintenance activities on weekends (minutes) Time spent for working/seheel activities from Manday Thursday (minutes)	363.09 (25.21%)
Time spent for working/school activities from Monday-Thursday (minutes)	319.73 (22.20%)
Time spent for working/school activities on Friday (minutes)	277.96 (19.30%)
Time spent for working/school activities on weekends (minutes)	161.99 (11.25%)
Time spent for out-of-home leisure and maintenance activities from Monday-Thursday (minutes) Time spent for out-of-home leisure and maintenance activities on Friday (minutes)	57.32 (3.98%)* 72.46 (5.03%)*
Time spent for out-of-home leisure and maintenance activities on weekends (minutes)	107.40 (7.46%)*
Health indicators:	107.40 (7.40%)
Average factor score of physical health	-0.734 (0.95) [†]
Average factor score of physical health	[-4.04, 2.13]
Average factor score of mental health	$-0.113 (0.91)^{\dagger}$
Average factor score of mental meaning	[-3.46, 1.97]
Average factor score of social health	[-3.46, 1.97] -0.106 (0.96) †
Average factor score of social health	
	[-4.36, 1.49]

Note: Trip chain is defined as a series of trips with the starting and ending locations both at home.

socially intense activities, both in-home and out-of-home activities, across different days of the week, were

further examined. It can be seen from the distribution of the variables (not shown in this paper) that



^{*}The percentages in brackets show the average proportions of time spent for travel and for each type of in-home and out-of-home activity.

[†] These numbers show the standard deviation and range of the reported scale of respondents' self-assessed health conditions. Since the factor score is nominal, the range is given in bracket to show the nature of the figures

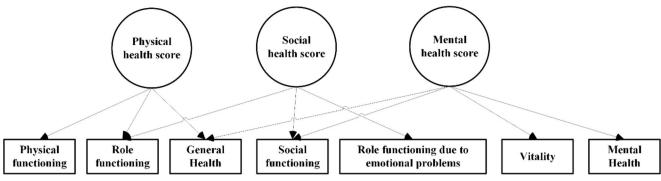
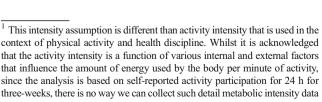


Fig. 1 The factor scores of physical, mental, and social health

individuals have longer out-of-home physical activity durations on weekdays, especially those of medium intensity, than on weekends. On contrary, the duration of out-of-home mentally medium intense activities is longer on weekends than on weekdays; but it is the other way around for out-of-home mentally high intense activities. However, there is no substantial difference between weekdays and weekends in terms of out-of-home social activity participation. It is also as expected that the individuals spend more time on in-home low intense activities (physically, mentally and socially) on weekends than on weekdays. How these time use allocations vary across different main travel mode users and across individuals with different levels of self-assessed healthiness can be seen at Figs. 2 and 3, respectively. The classification of activities and assumed level of intensities that were used in this analysis are shown in Table 3. Whilst the level of intensity of each physical, mental, and social activity arguably can be higher or lower as shown in Table 3, the current assumptions of activity intensity were categorised based on criteria on typical local's activity engagements that is assumed as described on the lower part of Table 3.

In terms of differences among travellers' main mode groups (see Fig. 2), those who walk and cycle most in their daily travel spend longer time on in-home low and medium intense activities (around 1.5 h physically, 2 h mentally and 2 h socially), such as sleeping, eating, drinking at home and relaxing activities than those who use private motorised modes and public transport. This is because they are likely to be retirees or housewives. On the

context of physical activity and health discipline. Whilst it is acknowledged that the activity intensity is a function of various internal and external factors that influence the amount of energy used by the body per minute of activity, since the analysis is based on self-reported activity participation for 24 h for three-weeks, there is no way we can collect such detail metabolic intensity data for this particular analysis.

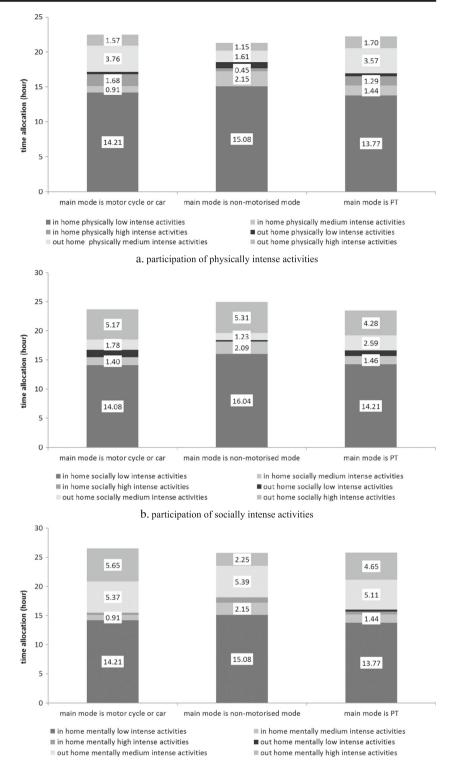


other hand, the ones who use private motorised modes and public transport spend more time on high intense physical activities than the non-motorised travellers (motorised travellers: 0.42 h; public transport travellers: 0.55 h). These activities include sports, participating in organization/volunteer/political activities and outdoor working/school activities. This indicates trade-off effects between the uses of physically intense travel modes with high intense activity participation at destination locations. Overall, slow mode users have a shorter duration of outof-home medium and high intense activities (physically and mentally) than private motorised modes and public transport users, though there is no such clear difference in time allocation for different types of social activities.

Figure 3, however, shows that the relationship between individuals' self-reported health conditions and their activity time use seems more confounding. Those who reported good physical health, the last quantile group (75%–100%), seem to spend more time on inhome (0.5 h) and out-of-home (0.06 h) physically high intense activities than those who reported bad physical health conditions, the first quantile group (0%-25%). Similarly, those who reported good mental health also have higher time use in out-of-home mentally high intense activities than those who reported bad mental health (0.71 h), however, they have a lower time use in out-of-home mentally medium intense activities (-0.57 h). From reported social health perspectives, those who reported better social health have longer time use in out-of-home socially low and medium intense activities (1.2 h) and shorter time use in in-home socially low and medium intense activities (1.07 h). However, some confounding relationships may be due to the differences in individual socio-demographics and residential environment. To be able to measure the impacts of different intensities of physical, mental, and social activities to the individual reported health conditions, after all other variables being controlled, a path analysis is employed in the next section.



Fig. 2 Individual's time allocation by chosen main travel mode (Note: due to the presence of multitasking activities, the total hours of activities participation can exceed 24 h). a. participation of physically intense activities with different physical health conditions. b. participation of socially intense activities with different social health conditions. c. participation of mentally intense activities with different mental health conditions



c. participation of mentally intense activities

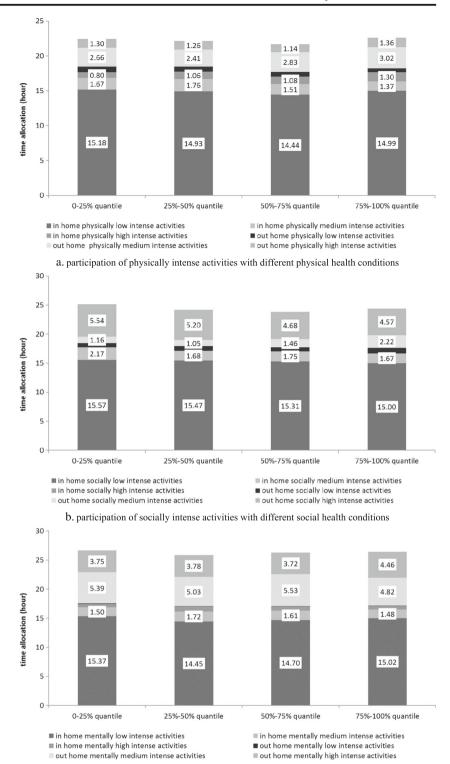
4 The interactions between activity participations with ones' self-reported physical, mental, social health conditions

In order to investigate the complex relationships between in-home and out-of-home participation to the individual's self-reported physical, mental and social health conditions, a path analysis is adopted. The path model that is adopted in this study is structured as in Fig. 4 below.

In this model structure, the individual/household social demographic variables and residential environment



Fig. 3 Individual's time allocation by different health conditions (Note: due to the presence of multitasking activities, the total hours of activities participation can exceed 24 h)



c. participation of mentally intense activities with different mental health conditions

variables are treated as exogenous and they influence the time use variables. The time use groups (physical/ mental/social activities) are believed to affect individuals' health conditions (physical/mental/social health factor scores) as well as travel time. At the same time, activity duration will also impact the travel time as travel is a derived demand of activity participation. It is worth noting that the model structure takes into account the endogeneity effect. And therefore, the direct/indirect/total effects are reported instead of the estimated coefficients (weights represented as arrows in Fig. 4). Most previous studies examined the relationship



Table 3 Classification of activities and their intensities

	Type of Activities	Level of intensity of engagement				
		Physically	Mentally	Socially		
A	Sleeping	L1	L1	L1		
В	Personal care: taking a bath, brushing teeth, self-care etc.	L1	L1	L1		
C	Eating and drinking at house	L1	L1	M1		
D	Relaxing activities, such as watching tv, listening to radio, listening to music, reading newspaper/magazine/comic etc., browsing internet etc.	LI	L1	L1		
E	Social and family activities, such as chatting with other family members/friends in person or via phone, walking/biking with other family members/friends, visiting relatives/friends, weekly praying etc.	M2	M2	H2		
F	Household activities, such as house cleaning, cooking, baking a cake, washing clothes/dishes, ironing, prepare a drink, etc.	M1	M1	L1		
G	Babysitting activities, including playing together and feeding your children	H1	H1	M1		
Н	Indoor working activities, such as working at office desk, doing indoor research or experiment in laboratory, "meeting" with clients at phone, etc.	M2	H2	M2		
I	Driving vehicle to other places	L2	H2	L2		
J	Outdoor working activities, such as operating machine or heavy vehicle at outdoor environment, outdoor inspection and other related activities	H2	H2	M2		
K	Sales activities from door to door, delivery and purchasing related activities	H2	H2	H2		
L	Indoor school activities	M2	M2	M2		
M	Outdoor school activities, including visiting zoo/museum/park, camping, and other related activities	H2	H2	H2		
N	Eating and drinking outside home	L2	M2	H2		
0	Shopping activities, including both local grocery shopping and	M2	M2	M2		
P	shopping at a shopping centre Participating in organization/volunteer/political activities, such as boy scout and youth/political/religious meeting activities	H2	H2	H2		
R	Sport activities	H2	H2	H2		
S	Maintenance activities, including going to hospital/health centre/medical doctor, bank and post office	M2	H2	H2		
T	Pick up and drop off children/other family members/friends/business partner and others	M2	M2	H2		
U	Holiday (away trip)	M2	M2	M2		
V	Waiting for public transport	L2	L2	L2		
Level of intensity	Physical	Mental	Social			
Low	not require any specific physical engagement	not require any in-purpose thinking	not involve any specific intension to interact with others			
Medium	activities with some physical engagements	need to be aware/alert of surrounding, but not in intense manner	involve activity that somewhat require interactions with others			
High	require intense physical engagements	need always to be alert (on-guard) and/or at intensive thinking	involve intense interaction activities with others			

Note: 1 = in-home activities, 2 = out-of-home activities; with assumption of level of intensity:

between non-motorised travel time and health (the arrows from *travel time* to *self-reported health scores*), while this study takes one step forward by considering activity durations as mediation variables as well as the

trade-off effect between activity and travel time use. Therefore, the confounding health effects between an intensive activity time use and an active travel could be revealed through the direct and indirect effects of



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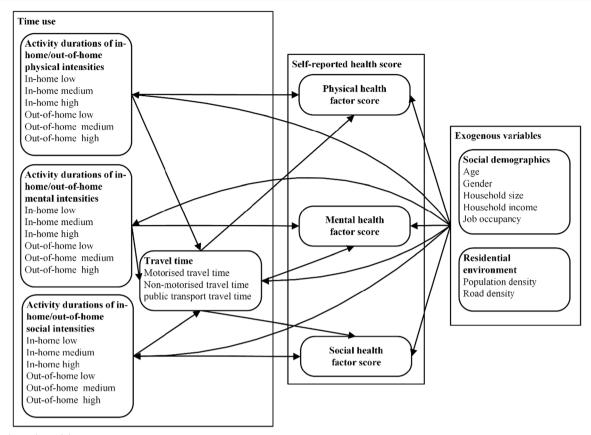


Fig. 4 The path model structure

travel time and activity time use (activity duration) on the self-reported health scores.

The model is estimated via the structural equation modelling framework. The model achieves a good model fit with $\chi^2/df = 2.73$ and root mean square error of approximation (RMSEA) as 0.056. Table 4 presents the estimated Total effect (TE), Direct effect (DE) and Indirect effect (IE) of activity duration variables and exogenous variables on the self-reported health factor scores. Note that activity duration variables and travel time variables are now mediation variables, thus the endogeneity problem is accommodated and revealed by the indirect effects of exogenous variables on the self-reported health factor scores. Appendix Table 5 presents the estimated TE/DE/ IE of activity duration variables and exogenous variables on the travel time variables. Appendix Table 5 reveals which activity time use (physical/mental/social) has the strongest complementary/trade-off effects with travel time.

As shown in Table 4, individuals' activity participation significantly affects their self-reported health conditions, while travel time does not show any significant effects on the self-reported health conditions after controlling for the endogeneity. For self-reported physical health condition, out-of-home physically low intense

activity duration positively correlates with self-reported physical health condition due to its strong DE, while the IE (activity duration influences travel time thus indirectly influences self-reported health conditions) is negative but insignificant. However, out-of-home physically medium intense activity duration shows a negative correlations self-reported physical health condition. For selfreported mental health, both in-home and out-of-home mentally high intense activities seem to be positively correlated with self-reported mental health conditions. Out-of-home mentally low intense activities show a significant DE (-0.368) but an insignificant TE. Longer out-of-home mentally low intense activities are associated with longer public transport travel time but shorter motorised travel time which indirectly improves the self-reported mental health condition. For self-reported social health, out-of-home medium intense activities/ high intense activities show a positive/negative DE but both show insignificant TE. These findings again reveal that activity participations are strongly related with individuals' self-reported health conditions but some effects are offset by the time use trade-offs between activities and travel. However, one should be aware that those findings need to be interpreted with caution. As intensity level and duration may have a non-linear effect and



Table 4 Estimation results of the effects on self-reported health factor scores

	Self-reported physical health			Self-reported mental health			Self-reported social health		
	TE	DE	IE	TE	DE	IE	TE	DE	IE
Activity duration									
In-home low intense	-0.025	-0.020	-0.005	0.017	0.012	0.005	-0.03	-0.021	-0.009
In-home medium intense	-0.050	-0.048	-0.003	0.025	0.017	0.008	/	/	/
In-home high intense	-0.024	-0.025	0.001	0.031	0.035	-0.004	/	/	/
Out-of-home low intense	0.101*	0.124**	-0.023	-0.238	-0.368	0.129	0.090	0.080	0.010
Out-of-home medium intense	-0.046*	-0.037**	-0.008	0.006	-0.008	0.015	0.019	0.051**	-0.033
Out-of- home high intense	-0.060	-0.020	-0.040	0.029	0.039*	-0.009	-0.058	-0.031**	-0.026
Travel time									
Non-motorised mode travel time	-0.020	-0.020	/	0.090	0.090	/	0.103	0.103	/
Motorised mode travel time	-0.085	-0.085	/	0.020	0.020	/	0.020	0.020	/
Public transport travel time	0.045	0.045	/	0.138	0.138	/	0.069	0.069	/
Individual socio-demographics									
Female	-0.049	0.003	-0.052	-0.09	-0.064	-0.026	-0.014	0.051	-0.065
Age < 25	0.186	0.192	-0.006	0.160	0.130	0.029	0.153	0.146	0.007
Age 26–35	0.060	0.086	-0.026	0.127	0.084	0.043	0.044	-0.070	0.025
Age > 55	-0.723**	-0.720**	-0.003	-0.101	-0.047	-0.054	-0.376*	-0.316*	-0.060
Number of household members	-0.005	-0.005	0.000	-0.007	-0.004	-0.003	0.071*	0.068*	0.003
Part-time or temporal worker	-0.155	-0.178*	0.024	-0.306**	-0.308**	0.002	-0.126	-0.174	0.048
Student	-0.013	-0.047	0.034	-0.150	-0.019	-0.132*	-0.012	-0.083	0.071
Non-worker	-0.210*	-0.153	-0.057	-0.074	0.000	-0.074	0.024	0.146	-0.122*
Low income	-0.107	-0.120	0.013	-0.027	-0.009	-0.017	-0.040	-0.047	0.006
High income	-0.136	-0.144	0.008	0.222	0.226	-0.005	0.156	0.126	0.030
Missing income	0.041	0.024	0.017	0.152	0.172	-0.021	0.175	0.126	0.018
Residential environment									
Population density	0.126**	0.115*	0.011	0.098*	0.119*	-0.022	0.147**	0.119**	0.027*
Road density	0.003	0.005	-0.002	0.005	0.005	0.000	0.001	0.002	-0.001
Covariance of error terms									
Self-reported physical health	0.765**								
Self-reported mental health	0.431**			0.767**					
Self-reported social health	0.552**			0.431**			0.808**		

Note: ** indicates that the corresponding variable is significant at 1% level, * means the corresponding variable is significant at 5% level, while no star means the corresponding variable is significant at 10% level. Grey means the corresponding variable is not significant at 10% level

reference dependency on health condition [4]. For instance, increasing duration of out-of-home physically high intense activity when the given individual already has an intensive physical activity would be less beneficial, or even physically harmful, compared to the same situation for the individual who has not exercised for a long time. In other words, how long the duration of physically high/low intense activity is considered good for physical health (reference dependent) should depend on the individual characteristics as well as their habit, past activity participation, etc.

In terms of travel time spent on the given, non-motorised travel time, however, shows no significant correlation on self-reported health conditions, which differs from evidences from developed countries (e.g. [23, 50,

51]) who found a positive correlation between using slow modes and physical health condition. This finding may be attributed to the fact that activity time use explains most of the variations in the self-reported health conditions and travel time does not show any significant effects due to its close relationship with activity time use. In other words, activity time use should be more suitable predicting the self-reported health conditions than travel time.

In terms of socio-demographics and residential environment characteristics, older respondents (age > 55), as expected, have a lower self-reported physical and social health condition than the reference age group (age 36–55), after all other variables being controlled. Older respondents in general may be more aware of social needs, thus tend to have a lower self-reported social health even when they spend the same amount



of time on social activities as adults. Young people (age < 25) shows a higher self-reported physical health condition than the reference age group (age 36-55). Those who live in large households also tend to have higher self-reported social health compared to those living in small households. Similarly, parttime workers and non-workers show lower self-reported physical health conditions compared to workers. Surprisingly, income shows no significant correlation with self-reported physical health condition, although part of income effect may be absorbed in the effect of motorised travel time. Population density positively correlates to self-reported physical health condition, indicating a potential health benefit of urban area densification in developing countries, e.g. better accessibility to hospital. Being a part-time worker would have a lower selfreported mental health condition compared to a full-time worker. Harsh work environment, unstable work time, etc. may be the underlying reason of this effect. Population density also positively correlates to all three self-reported health conditions. This indicates the potential benefits of urbanization on individuals' health conditions in general.

As can be seen from Table 4, after controlling activity time use, travel time, socio-demographics and residential environment, the remaining error terms still show considerable correlations. The three self-reported health conditions are all positively correlated with each other. Therefore, health conditions in these three dimensions should not be treated independently but positively interrelated. Other factors such as well-being, happiness, etc., which are not captured by the existing model may appear in the error terms and contribute to these positive correlations.

5 Summary

Using a multiday household activity-travel survey (2013 BMA dataset), this paper explored the relationship between individuals' self-reported health conditions and their activity-travel time use. The self-reported health conditions are hypothesized to be affected by individuals' activity participation pattern and usual travel mode use, described by the observed activity-travel time use in 21 consecutive days. General descriptive analysis shows clear day-to-day variability of individuals' activity-travel time use. On average, individuals only spent around 4-5% of their time on travel. In-home activities such as sleeping, in-home preparation and eating activities take more than 75% of individuals' daily time expenditure, highlighting the importance of understanding the physical activity intensity that is caused by in-home activities as well. The self-reported health conditions show, however, more confounding relationships. The trends of inhome and out-of-home activity time use may be affected by the fact that self-reported health groups consist individuals with different socio-demographics and residential environment.

The model results reveal that individuals' activity participation and socio-demographic characteristics significantly affects their self-reported health conditions, while self-reported travel time spent does not show any significant effects on the self-reported health conditions after controlling for the endogeneity (some effects are offset by the time use tradeoffs between activities and travel). Surprisingly, income shows no significant correlation with self-reported physical health condition, although part of income effect may be absorbed in the effect of motorised travel time. This study, however, did not find evidence of positive relationship between cycling and walking and self-reported physical health condition, which has been found in many developed countries. Presumably because in developing countries like Indonesia the individuals who walk and cycle are likely to be a part of economically disadvantaged and less educated groups who may have low appreciation and less awareness to oneself condition [52, 53].

Beside activity and travel time use factors, age and working status were found significantly affect the self-reported health conditions, regardless of respondents' gender and income. Population density also found positively correlates to self-reported respondents' health conditions, indicating benefits such as better health care in urbanised areas on individuals' health conditions in general.

However, one should also be aware of several limitations of this study. The self-reported health condition is likely to be as well related to one's well-beings, past habit, etc. and not a detailed measured medical report. Selfreported scores are reference-dependent, meaning that individuals with almost the same actual (true) health condition may judge their own health conditions very differently. Twenty-one consecutive days activity-travel participation may be enough to represent their current habit but may not describe their past habit. Thus, the self-reported health condition may also differ significantly from the true health condition due to individual's cognitive limits, that individual do not realize their health condition, and behavioural failure, that individuals themselves do know the negative effect of certain habit (e.g. smoking) on their health but do not admit it. The mismatch between self-reported health and true health may affect the estimated variable effects. It is also important that this study reveals the correlations between activity participations and individual self-reported health conditions, not necessarily the causal relationships. Thus, further interpretation need to be done with great care. Further investigation on how individual self-reported health conditions and physically active travel and activities influenced by individual attitudes and psychological characteristics would be one of plausible research directions of this study.



Appendix

 Table 5
 Estimation results of the effects on travel time

	Motorised travel time			Non-motorised travel time			Public transport travel time		
	TE	DE	IE	TE	DE	IE	TE	DE	ΙΕ
Phsicaly Activity duration									
In-home low intense	0.064	0.064	/	0.013	0.013	/	0.019	0.019	/
In-home medium intense	0.033	0.033	/	0.048	0.048	/	0.023	0.023	/
In-home high intense	-0.013	-0.013	/	-0.023*	-0.023*	/	-0.014**	-0.014**	/
Out-of-home low intense	0.214	0.214	/	0.042	0.042	/	-0.084	-0.084	/
Out-of-home medium intense	0.089	0.089	/	0.057	0.057	/	0.005	0.005	/
Out-of- home high intense	0.320	0.320	/	0.426*	0.426*	/	-0.103	-0.103	/
Mental Activity duration									
In-home low intense	0.064	0.064	/	0.013	0.013	/	0.019	0.019	/
In-home medium intense	0.033	0.033	/	0.048	0.048	/	0.023	0.023	/
In-home high intense	-0.013	-0.013	/	-0.023*	-0.023*	/	-0.014**	-0.014**	/
Out-of-home low intense	-1.037**	-1.037**	/	-0.161**	-0.161**	/	1.196**	1.196**	/
Out-of-home medium intense	0.193	0.193	/	0.281	0.281	/	-0.106	-0.106	/
Out-of- home high intense	-0.090	-0.090	/	-0.095**	-0.095**	/	0.007	0.007	/
Social Activity duration									
In-home low intense	-0.082	-0.082	/	-0.050	-0.050	/	-0.030	-0.030	/
In-home medium intense	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
In-home high intense	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/	/
Out-of-home low intense	0.390*	0.390*	/	-0.051	-0.051	/	0.108	0.108	/
Out-of-home medium intense	-0.273	-0.273	/	-0.345*	-0.345*	/	0.122	0.122	/
Out-of- home high intense	-0.203	-0.203	/	-0.283*	-0.283*	/	0.101	0.101	/
Individual socio-demographics									
Female	-0.446**	-0.236**	-0.210**	-0.036	-0.056	0.020	0.092*	0.082*	0.011
Age < 25	0.017	0.001	0.016	-0.050	0.029	-0.079**	0.003	0.000	0.003
Age 26–35	-0.038	0.000	-0.038	-0.034	0.000	-0.034	0.048	0.042	0.006
Age > 55	-0.433**	-0.162	-0.271**	0.088	0.065	0.022	-0.035	0.018	-0.053*
Number of household members	-0.015	-0.008	-0.007	0.002	0.007	-0.005	-0.001	-0.003	0.002
Part-time or temporal worker	-0.335**	-0.240**	-0.094	0.121*	0.094	0.027	0.081	-0.017	0.097**
Student	0.005	-0.051	0.055	0.022	-0.063	0.085*	0.077	0.017	0.061
Non-worker	-0.607**	-0.254**	-0.354**	0.075**	0.030**	0.045**	-0.088**	-0.041**	-0.047*
Low income	0.036	-0.003	0.040	-0.005	0.001	-0.007	-0.052	-0.105	0.053**
High income	-0.035	0.015	-0.049	0.089	0.059	0.030	-0.020	-0.044	0.024
Missing income	0.022	-0.015	0.037	0.059	0.034	0.025	-0.050	-0.101	0.051
Residential environment									
Population density	-0.089**	-0.031	-0.058**	-0.027	-0.061**	0.034**	0.016	0.011	0.006
Road density	-0.009**	-0.002	-0.006**	0.002	-0.001	0.002**	-0.004*	-0.002	-0.002*



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