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29 Abstract

30 Physical activity (PA) plays an essential part in the secondary prevention of persons with coronary 31 heart disease (CHD). A substantial amount of PA can be gained through increasing the use of active 32 transport modes (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) in CHD patients' daily routine, 33 benefiting the mortality and morbidity rate as well as the environment. The current study aims to 34 investigate the utility of the Theory of Planned Behaviour (TPB) framework extended with habit 35 strength, in understanding the behavioural intention and the behaviour of using active transport modes 36 during the daily travel routine of CHD patients. A cross-sectional survey was conducted from 131 CHD patients. The behaviour was measured using three self-report methods; 1) scale measure, the walking or 37 38 cycling frequency, 2) direct ATS (Active Travel Score, PA calculated by the directly reported 39 aggregated time spent per day for walking or cycling for travel purposes), and 3) indirect ATS (PA 40 calculated by combining the duration spent on trips by walking and cycling from the self-reported one-41 day travel diary). Additionally, the participants completed surveys on the direct measures of TPB 42 constructs and habit strength. The results indicated that the TPB constructs explained a 38% variance in 43 the intention to use active transport modes of CHD patients, by which the variance increased to 59% 44 with the addition of habit strength. On the contrary, different behavioural measures were explained 45 differently by TPB and habit strength. The scale measure of behaviour was best predicted (up to 21%) 46 by TPB and habit strength. However, the direct and indirect measures of behaviour were poorly 47 explained (up to 3% and 10% only, respectively). Habit strength moderated the relationship between behaviour (scale measure) and behavioural intention. Surprisingly, higher behavioural intention resulted 48 49 in a lower behavioural frequency when the habit strength to be active is low. This suggests a limited 50 control over the behaviour thus indicating the intention-behaviour gap. The current study findings 51 highlight the inconsistent predictive utility of TPB across different types of behavioural self-report 52 measures, targeted at the use of active transport modes in CHD patients. However, considering this study 53 as hypothesis-generating, further research is necessary to replicate and extend these findings.

54 *Keywords:* Active transportation, Theory of Planned Behaviour, habit strength, travel behaviour, 55 coronary heart disease, physical activity.

56 1 Introduction

57 1.1 Background

58 According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) are the 59 leading cause of mortality in the Western world as well as in developing countries. Yearly, almost 17.1 60 million deaths are due to CVDs (Gaze, 2013). Physical activity (PA) plays an effective role in managing CVDs, and in particular, coronary heart disease (CHD). Especially during rehabilitation and at primary 61 and secondary prevention stages (Sallis, Floyd, Rodríguez, & Saelens, 2012), PA plays a pivotal role. 62 63 Therefore, PA holds substantial potential for preventing new or recurrent events, reducing the progression of CVDs, improving the quality of life, and thus saving a significant amount of healthcare 64 costs. To reduce the risk of non-adherence to the recommended level of PA, alternative opportunities to 65 66 increase PA need to be identified. The guidelines for achieving the minimum PA level in the prevention of CVDs include i.e., 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity PA or 75 minutes per week of 67 68 vigorous-intensity PA (F Piepoli, 2017). A significant amount of PA can be achieved in the daily routine 69 by using active transport modes. Various studies have shown the net health impact gain of active transportation through increasing PA levels (Brown, Moodie, Cobiac, Mantilla, & Carter, 2017; Zapata-70 Diomedi et al., 2017). Indeed, CHD patients can increase their PA during their travel routines by 71 72 replacing short car trips with active transport modes (walking or cycling). Theory-based or non-theory-73 based behavioural interventions have been effective to promote PA in chronic diseases (Conn, Hafdahl, Moore, Nielsen, & Brown, 2009; Gourlan et al., 2016; Greaves et al., 2011). However, studies 74 75 designated to enhance and assess the impacts of travel-related PA in primary and, in particular, 76 secondary preventions, are rare. Importantly, before being able to design interventions to enhance the 77 use of active transport modes (e.g. in the daily routines of patients with CVDs), it is essential to 78 understand the underlying psychological determinants of the behaviour. The utility of the Theory of 79 Planned Behaviour (TPB) is observed in explaining a wide range of health-influencing behaviours such 80 as smoking, binge drinking, maintenance of PA, condom use, adherence to medication or treatments,

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etc. (Albarracín, Kumkale & Johnson, 2004; Armitage, 2005; Guénette et al., 2016; Lin, Updegraff &
Pakpour, 2016; Lockyer, 2001; Norman, Armitage & Quigley, 2007; Norman, Conner & Bell, 1999).
This study aims to explore the utility of the extended TPB (eTPB) to explain the daily use of active
transport modes in CHD patients as a way to increase the PA level, utilizing three types of self-reported
behavioural measures.

86 **1.2 Definition and utility of Theory of Planned Behaviour**

87 The TPB is considered as one of the most influential conceptual frameworks to explain human behaviour, due to its utility to understand and predict a wide range of social behaviours (Ajzen, 2011). 88 89 It also provides a theory-based framework to design interventions to change unhealthy behaviours 90 (Hardeman et al., 2002). The TPB states that the intention to perform a behaviour is fairly predicted 91 from three constructs; i.e., attitude towards the behaviour, Social Norms (SN), and Perceived 92 Behavioural Control (PBC). These three constructs that guide human behaviour are further explained as 93 1) beliefs associated with likely good or bad consequences (behavioural beliefs) of performing the target 94 behaviour; 2) beliefs associated with normative expectation (normative beliefs) of other people towards 95 that action, and 3) the perception of existing factors (control beliefs) which may advance or hinder the 96 performance of the behaviour. After behaviour attains sufficient control and an intention is formed, by 97 which people will carry out their intention as soon as an opportunity arises. This way, an intention is 98 considered as a precursor of the behaviour. In general, many behaviours are difficult to perform because 99 of the limited volitional control. Therefore, PBC serves as a proxy to the actual control and contributes 100 directly to the prediction of the target behaviour (Ajzen, 1991, 2002b, 2011). The gap between the intentions and actual action might be reduced once an individual is asked to formulate a plan for 101 102 regulating the behaviour (Ajzen, Czasch, & Flood, 2009; Bird, Panter, Baker, Jones, & Ogilvie, 2018; 103 Gollwitzer & Bargh, 1996). It is indicated from cumulative empirical evidence that SN, attitude and 104 PBC account for 30-50% of the variance in intention. Additionally, behavioural intention and PBC 105 together are accountable for 20-40% of the variance in the target behaviour (Ajzen, 1991; Armitage & 106 Conner, 2001; Conner & Armitage, 1998; Elliott, Armitage, & Baughan, 2007).

107 The previous meta-analyses have indicated an important bias of the at-risk population on the TPB utility (Armitage & Conner, 2001; Hardeman, Kinmonth, Michie, & Sutton, 2011; Rich, Brandes, 108 109 Mullan, & Hagger, 2015). The majority of studies in the literature are conducted with students and healthy populations. Therefore, the need to conduct studies with populations at risk (e.g., CHD patients) 110 111 is highlighted in various studies (Akbar, Anderson, & Gallegos, 2015; Armitage & Conner, 2001; 112 Hardeman et al., 2011). It is usually observed that while predicting behaviours such as walking and 113 attaining PA, the objective measures of behaviour are less predictable than self-reported measures 114 (Plotnikoff, Courneya, Trinh, Karunamuni, & Sigal, 2008; Scott, Eves, French, & Hoppé, 2007). 115 Likewise, different types of behavioural measures also vary in the degree of their variance explained by the TPB. For example, one study explored two different types of measuring speeding behaviour; firstly, 116 117 a self-reported measure to avoid speeding, and secondly, an observed measure to avoid speeding which was measured by a simulator. The TPB measures explained the variance in the self-reported measure as 118 119 67%, while in the observed measure, a 31-39% variance was explained (Elliott et al., 2007). Similarly, 120 another study used a direct measure of behaviour, in which they directly asked the average days and 121 time spent (minutes) in a week on cycling for transport purposes. In this study, TPB measures predicted 26% of the variance in cycle use. In another study, a self-reported car commute from a travel diary of 122 123 the previous week was used (Kerr, Lennon, & Watson, 2010). The measures of the TPB framework explained a 52% variance in the car commute behaviour. However, the majority of studies usually used 124 single behaviour measurements, especially in mode choice related behaviours (Gert Jan de Bruijn, 125 126 Kremers, Singh, Putte, & van Mechelen, 2009; Donald, Cooper, & Conchie, 2014; Lizana, Tudela, & Tapia, 2021; Murtagh, Rowe, Elliott, McMinn, & Nelson, 2012). 127

To the best of our knowledge, the studies comparing the predictability of different types of behaviour measures by the TPB framework, are rare (Scott et al., 2007). The insight into the degree of congruence across different types of self-reported behaviour measures will add to the limited understanding of behaviour predicted by TPB. For example, this will enhance our understanding of the motivational tendencies in the actual behaviour measure, compared to the measure which is explicitly compatible with its psychological precursors. As already mentioned, the comparison of objective and 134 self-reported measures is only present to a limited level in previous studies. However, the understanding 135 of a compatible scale measure of behaviour with more implicit and representative behavioural measures

136 still needs to be explored to test the utility of TPB across these measures.

137 1.3 Habit strength

138 Habitual behaviour refers to the automatic activation of behavioural responses (Aarts & Dijksterhuis, 2000a). However, the TPB considers the actions as a consequence of a reasoned process 139 140 and deliberated control. Habit is defined as learned behavioural sequences, which have become 141 automatic under stable contexts and are functional in order to achieve certain goals and end states (Bas 142 Verplanken, 2006; Bas Verplanken & Aarts, 1999). If the same behavioural choices are repeated under 143 similar environmental cues, an association to these contextual cues builds up, which provides a satisfactory experience to the individual. This in consequence leads to automaticity of the behaviour. 144 145 "Automaticity" is characterized as a lack of awareness, control and intention, while adding efficiency to the task (Lally, Van Jaarsveld, Potts, & Wardle, 2010; Robert S. Wyer, Srull, & Srull, 2014; B. 146 147 Verplanken, Myrbakk, & Rudi, 2005).

148 Due to the limited variance explained by the TPB in the behaviour, previous studies often have extended 149 the TPB framework by adding relevant constructs to explain the behaviour better. For example, past 150 behaviour and self-identity significantly improved the behaviour prediction along with the TPB (Gert Jan de Bruijn, Verkooijen, Vries, & Putte, 2012; Sommer, 2011). The main reason to include habit 151 152 strength in the TPB framework is related to its important contribution to behavioural prediction. 153 According to the recent developments in habit psychology, habit is considered one of the important 154 mechanisms that guide human actions. Habit is related to actions or behaviour through two different paths, as advocated in dual-process theories of behaviour (Gardner, De Bruijn, & Lally, 2011; Bas 155 156 Verplanken, 2018). According to dual-process approaches, a behaviour is elicited through two 157 pathways: the first is the deliberated route which involves cognitive thought processes, and the second 158 is automatic, which is triggered by environmental cues (Gardner et al., 2011). To explain further, in 159 stable contexts, the habit will predict the behaviour and weaken the intention-behaviour link (Gardner; 160 Triandis, 1977). As habit strength grows, the behavioural control is shifted to environmental stimuli, 161 and reliance on deliberation/motivational processes subsides (Gardner). Therefore, habit strength is 162 considered as an alternative pathway towards behaviour and/or intention (Donald et al., 2014). This also relates to the traditional behaviourist point of view which says that under the stable environmental cues 163 164 and through positive learned responses (e.g., daily commute by car or active transport mode), the behaviour performance becomes automatic with nominal forethought (Gardner; Bas Verplanken, Aarts, 165 Van Knippenberg, & Moonen, 1998; Bas Verplanken, Walker, Davis, & Jurasek, 2008; Bas Verplanken 166 & Knippenberg, 1996). At this stage, if the salient information regarding the alternatives is provided, it 167 will more likely be ignored (Aarts & Dijksterhuis, 2000a; Aarts, Verplanken, & Knippenberg, 1998). 168 However, at the same time, habit is also a goal-directed construct that refers to the fact that if a new 169 170 context arises (e.g., changing the office location to another city) or the habits are disrupted, then the deliberated decision making is renegotiated. For example, the repeated frequency of car commute 171 becomes a scripted choice (triggered through environmental cues) and the deliberate cognitive 172 173 processing will not be required unless a new context arises, e.g., relocation of the workplace (Donald et 174 al., 2014; Friedrichsmeier, Matthies, & Klöckner, 2013; Nordfjærn, Şimşekollu, & Rundmo, 2014). 175 Transport mode choice behaviour is characterized by a repetitive nature, meaning that it tends to become 176 habitual, e.g., daily use of the same transport mode for the commute (Fu, 2020; Bas Verplanken et al., 177 1998). Various studies have shown that the habitual use of certain transport modes predicts the behaviour 178 over and above the reasoned decision making of choosing that transport mode (Bamberg & Schmidt, 179 2003; Brug, Vet, Nooijer, & Verplanken, 2006; Gert Jan de Bruijn et al., 2009; Bas Verplanken et al., 1998). Accordingly, adding habit strength to the TPB will further confirm the dual function of habit 180 strength in determining the use of active transport modes in an at-risk population. For example, strong 181 182 habits regarding the mode choice (i.e., use of active transport modes) would predict the behaviour significantly and would make the influence of deliberation or intention weak on eliciting the behaviour 183 184 (Fu, 2020; Gardner, 2009; Bas Verplanken & Aarts, 1999).

185 **1.4 Study objectives**

186 The current study compares the predictability of three different types of self-reported measures by the TPB framework and habit strength. These measurement methods vary from a scale measure of 187 188 behavioural frequency to an implicit The current study is hypothesis-generating as it explores the psychosocial influences of the use of active transport modes of CHD patients for the first time. indirect 189 190 measure of behaviour. Moreover, part of the primary aim includes empirically testing the utility of the rational (TPB) and habitual (habit strength) influences in explaining the intention as well as the use of 191 192 active transport modes for daily travel purposes of CHD patients. The principal assumptions of the TPB 193 to explain the active transport use of CHD patients and the moderating role of habit strength in rational 194 decision-making are stated below:

- Attitude, PBC, and SN positively relate to the intention to use active transport modes (H₁, H₂, H₃)
 - The intention along with its correlates positively relates to the use of active transport modes (H₄).
 - PBC contributes directly to explain the use of active transport modes (H₅).
 - Habit strength adds collective and an independent effect in explaining the intention and use of active transport modes use (H₆, H₇)
- Habit strength moderates the relationship between intention and use of active transport
 modes (H₈).



Figure 1 Hypothesized working model of the study (extended TPB model), red dotted line presents the hypothesis of moderating relationship

204 2 Methods

205 **2.1 Design**

The survey on the TPB constructs and habit strength was conducted as part of a larger study in which travel behaviour data of CHD patients was collected using self-reported travel diaries and a smartphone application (Batool, Vanrompay, Neven, Janssens, & Wets, 2018). To assess psychological constructs related to the use of active transport modes (TPB constructs and habit strength), together with the daily travel behaviour patterns of CHD patients, the study included the following questionnaires:

 Personal information: socio-demographic (e.g., age, educational level, gender, and household information (e.g., household size, net income)).

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 2. One-day travel diary (an indirect behavioural measure): information of a sequence of travel activities in time (when) and space (where), including the purpose of the movement, the transport modes used, and travel partner(s)
- Attitude and behaviour towards active transport survey: TPB, habit strength and two
 measures of behaviour (scale and direct measures)

218 The study, conducted in 2018 and 2019, consisted of two phases (phase I and II). After approval (B243201834882) by three ethical committees (Hasselt University (Hasselt, Belgium), Jessa Hospital 219 220 (Hasselt, Belgium) and Ziekenhuis Oost-Limburg (ZOL, Genk, Belgium), in phase I, the questionnaires were sent by post to 550 randomly selected patients meeting the inclusion criteria (Batool, Neven, 221 222 Scherrenberg, et al., 2021). After signing the informed consent, the patients were asked to fill out the 223 questionnaires and the one-day travel diary, and send it back to the research institute. The day on the 224 travel diary that should be filled by the patient, was specified randomly by the research team, to get an equal distribution of all days in the week. The participants were advised in the instructions that the 225 226 reported day should be representative of their routine travel behaviour. The definition of the use of active 227 transport modes was defined clearly in the questionnaires and particularly highlighted before the start 228 of the attitude and behaviour questionnaire, to clarify the behavioural term according to the Target, Action, Context, and Time (TACT) principle (Ajzen, 2002a). If the returning post was not received back 229 230 in 3 weeks, a follow-up telephone call was made to non-respondents. A few willing respondents asked 231 for the questionnaire to be sent again and the rest refused to take part in the study.

232 The questionnaire including the TPB, habit strength and measures of behaviour (scale and direct 233 measures), was also filled out by a group of CHD patients in phase II of the study. During this phase, CHD patients received recruitment flyers in a rehabilitation centre to participate in an ongoing study 234 235 targeting their travel-related PA. Interested patients had to confirm to meet the in- and exclusion criteria 236 (Batool, Neven, Smeets, et al., 2021) and to indicate their preference for attending a preparatory work 237 session. In that work session, the use of a smartphone app was explained (developed to monitor the 238 travel behaviour objectively) and patients were asked to fill in the same questionnaires similar to the 239 ones used in phase I. The monitoring of the travel behaviour patterns in the second phase was done 240 through a smartphone app, which is an objective measure. The self-reported travel diary (as used in 241 phase I) was therefore not used anymore in the second phase. The sample size of the participants using 242 only the smartphone app was limited, and therefore, the results related to this objective measure of 243 behaviour in phase II are beyond the scope of the current study. These are discussed in a separate paper, 244 submitted for publication (Batool, Neven, Smeets, et al., 2021). In the current study, the data of CHD 245 patients of two phases I & II, related to TPB and habit constructs, as well as the self-reported measures 246 of active travel behaviour, was included.

247 **2.2 Measures**

248 2.2.1 Theory of Planned Behaviour constructs

249 The TPB questionnaire was prepared considering the manual for "Constructing a TPB Questionnaire: Conceptual and Methodological Considerations" by Icek Ajzen (revised 2006) and 250 251 translated in Dutch. The target behaviour was defined considering the TACT principle (Ajzen, 2002a) as using active transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) modes daily for travel 252 253 purposes. The TPB constructs intention, attitude, social norms and PBC were measured using direct 254 standard scaling procedures. A seven-point Likert scale was used, ranging from 1 (extremely agree) to 255 7 (extremely disagree). Three items measured the intention of the behaviour, 1) I expect to use active 256 transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) modes daily for travel purposes 2) I intend to 257 use... 3) I try to use... To measure attitude, seven evaluative bipolar adjectives were used. Four item 258 pairs were instrumental in nature (advantageous-disadvantageous, reliable-unreliable, cost-efficient-259 not cost-efficient, environment friendly-non-environmental friendly), while three item pairs were 260 experiential in nature (pleasant-unpleasant, convenient-inconvenient, time taking-less time taking). The positive and negative endpoints of the attitude items were counterbalanced to control for the alertness 261 262 of the responses.

263 To measure the SN, three items of an injective nature were used, 1) it is expected of me to use active

264 transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) modes daily for travel purposes, 2) Most 265 people important to me think that I should ... 3) The people in my life whose opinion I value approve 266 that using ... is good for me. Furthermore, three items of SN were of a descriptive nature 1) My doctor 267 advise that using active transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) modes daily for travel 268 purposes is good 2) The people in my life whose opinion I value use ... 3) People with heart disease like me use.... Six items were designed to capture PBC, distinguishing between capability and controllability 269 270 of the behaviour. The capability to perform the behaviour was measured by two items, 1) It is difficult 271 for me to use active transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) modes daily for travel 272 purposes 2) I think I have complete control over using.... To measure control/self-confidence, three 273 items were asked 1) If I want I can use active transport (walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) 274 modes daily for travel purposes 2) If I plan, I can... 3) It is entirely up to me to use ... or not.

275 2.2.2 Habit strength

276 We used a standard scale measure called the Self-Report Habit Index (SRHI), which measures the 277 perception of repetition, automaticity, and self-identification with behaviour as important characteristics 278 of habit strength. This measure was developed by Verplanken and Orbell (2003) to overcome the 279 criticism of previous habit assessment tools that were mainly based on past behaviour frequency only 280 (Bas Verplanken, 2018; Bas Verplanken & Orbell, 2003). The SRHI is a frequently used tool to measure 281 habit strength (Bas Verplanken & Orbell, 2019) and has already been implemented in behaviour related 282 to PA (Gardner et al., 2011) and active transportation (Gert Jan de Bruijn et al., 2009). To measure the 283 habit strength, a short form of the SRHI was used, capturing all three facets of habit which were 284 identified by Verplanken and Orbell (2003) (Gardner & Tang, 2014): performance frequency (i.e., I 285 regularly use active transport modes (i.e., walking or cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) for travel 286 purpose and using ... belongs to my routine), automaticity (i.e., I do without thinking..., and It is weird 287 if I do not use ...) and self-identity (i.e., using... that's typically me). It also included the common 288 experiences of automaticity such as uncontrollability (i.e., It is hard for me not to use ...). Keeping all 289 three facets provides the opportunity to represent the proposed characteristics of habit from its definition 290 (Gardner, Abraham, Lally, & de Bruijn, 2012). Moreover, various subscales of the SRHI have been used 291 without a loss of reliability of the measure (Gardner, 2009; Gardner et al., 2012; Honkanen, Olsen, & 292 Verplanken, 2005; Rhodes & Bruijn, 2010), thus confirming the redundancy in items. Therefore, six out 293 of twelve items were kept to balance the questionnaire length. For example, the study by Honkanen, 294 Olsen, & Verplanken (2005) which used the subscale of the SRHI, consisted of four items representing 295 different facets of habit as used in the current study. This study found good composite reliability between 296 these items (Honkanen et al., 2005).

297 2.2.3 Behavioural measures

298 The first behavioural measure used was a single scale measure of the frequency of active transport 299 use. It was developed to be compatible with the psychological precursors (TPB constructs) as required by the TPB manual (Ajzen, 2002a). The questions asked to report on the scale measure of the 300 301 behavioural frequency of walking and cycling, were designed on a seven-item Likert scale, i.e., "How 302 often you have walked (for at least 10 minutes) for travel purposes during the last 3 weeks" and the 303 responses were formulated as 1) every day, 2) almost every day, ... 7) never. To use as a combined 304 measure of active transport, a new variable was created, i.e. the scale measure of use of active transport 305 frequency (SM), which included the multiplication of walking and cycling scale measurement 306 responses.

307 PA is defined as a bodily movement resulting in Energy Expenditure (EE) (de Almeida Mendes et 308 al., 2018). This EE is defined in Metabolic Equivalent (MET) (Ainsworth et al., 2011), which means the 309 amount of oxygen consumed during rest position is 3.5 ml of oxygen per body weight (kg) per minute 310 (Jetté, Sidney, & Blümchen, 1990). 1 MET equals to 1 kcal per body weight per hour (Ainsworth et al., 311 2011). Active transport use which is represented by the PA level gained by walking and cycling trips 312 was assessed in two different self-reported manners (direct and indirect). For both direct and indirect 313 measures of behaviour in the current study, the duration spent on the active transport modes was 314 converted to the PA level to have the same unit of energy expenditure as kcal/kg*day. A scoring system, 315 i.e., the Active Travel Score (ATS), was used (Batool, Knapen, et al., 2018), based on the aggregation 316 of PA gained by active transport modes used in the patient's travel patterns. First, a direct self-report 317 measure, **direct ATS**, was calculated based on the response to two questions that directly queried the performance of the target behaviour. The respondents were asked to report the average minutes spent 318 319 on 1) walking trips for travel purposes per day and 2) cycling trips for travel purposes per day. An example of the question formulation for asking the direct measure (direct ATS) is: How many 320 321 minutes/day have you walked for travel purposes during the last 3 weeks? In the second line, respondents 322 were asked about the average/day minutes spent on walking during the travel. The participant's minutes of walking per day were multiplied by the standard MET (Ainsworth et al., 2011) value of 3.5 kcal/kg*h 323 324 in case of walking, and of 7.5 kcal/kg*h for cycling. Then, this score was summed to get the direct ATS. Higher values of ATS correspond to higher levels of travel-related PA achieved. 325

326 Secondly, an indirect self-reported measure, indirect ATS, was calculated by summarizing the 327 walking and cycling trips from the one-day travel behaviour diary and then calculating the corresponding 328 PA level or ATS. To calculate the indirect ATS, the frequency and duration of the walking and cycling 329 trips were first identified from the travel diary data. Afterwards, the corresponding METs values (similar 330 to as used in direct ATS) were multiplied with the frequency and duration of walking and cycling. 331 Finally, the ATS of both active modes were summarised as it was done in the calculation of direct ATS. 332 Both direct and indirect ATS were calculated considering the standard recommendations of 150 333 minutes/week of moderate-intensity PA or 75 minutes/week of vigorous-intensity PA (F Piepoli, 2017). 334 These were converted into one-day recommendations, which means on average 21.4 and 10.7 minutes 335 of walking and cycling respectively per day. The MET value for walking is considered moderateintensity PA and that of cycling as vigorous-intensity PA. Both are equal to 1.3 kcal/kg*day or 1.3 ATS 336 when multiplied by the standard corresponding time spent on walking and cycling. 337

338 2.3 Data analysis

339 At first, the Shapiro-Wilk statistic and Q-Q plots were used to check the normal distribution of intention, 340 habit, PBC, SN, attitude, self-reported scale, and direct and indirect measures of behaviour. The data 341 was analyzed using Studio Version 1.2.1335, 2009-2019 RStudio, Inc. At first, we used Explanatory 342 Factor Analysis (EFA) to help identify the unobserved underlying factors from the observed 343 indicators/items of the TPB survey. The measure of sampling adequacy was checked by the Kaiser-344 Meyer-Olkin (KMO) criterion, which detects common variance within the dataset. A value between 0.80-0.90 is considered meritorious or good. Bartlett's Test of Sphericity ($p \le 0.000$) was also performed 345 346 to check if the data was appropriate for performing EFA, and the significance of this test confirms to 347 proceed (Costello & Osborne, 2005; Howard, 2016). To retain the factors, three criteria were checked, 348 i.e., Kaiser criterion (eigenvalue > 1.0, Kaiser, 1960, 1970), scree plot, and parallel analysis (Costello & 349 Osborne, 2005; Howard, 2016). Following the EFA analysis, Mcdonald's Omega (ω_h) and Spearman correlation tests were performed. Spearman's rank-order correlation was used to account for the non-350 351 normal distribution of the outcome variables. The significance of Spearman's Rho coefficient is judged 352 using the guidelines in Psychology (Akoglu, 2018). The reliability of survey items to measure the one common factor (i.e., latent factor) was estimated using Mcdonald's Omega (ω_h). Mcdonald's Omega is 353 354 considered the best estimate of reliability. Values above 0.65 are expected for $\omega_{\rm h}$, which refers to good 355 reliability between survey items and indicates a classification error of <10% which is acceptable 356 (Revelle & Zinbarg, 2008; Spearman, 2019). Two and three-step hierarchal multiple linear regression 357 was used to determine the association of behavioural intention and behaviour to use active transport 358 modes with the TPB constructs and habit strength respectively. The stepwise approach was used to see 359 the additional variance before and after introducing the TPB constructs and habit strength in the model. 360 For the three-step approach used for the behaviour, in the first step of the model, only TPB constructs 361 (Attitude, PBC and SN) were entered. At the second stage, the behavioural intention was entered in the 362 regression. Similarly, habit strength was entered in the third step. The test for multicollinearity was checked against the Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) criteria (VIF < 5) (Kim, 2019; Shrestha, 2020). 363 364 Finally, a separate moderation and slope analysis was performed to test the interaction relationship between behavioural intention, habit, and behaviour. The independent variables were mean-centred 365 before entering into the moderation analysis. An effective a-priori sample size calculation was made 366 using the borderline prediction power of the TPB from the literature (Armitage & Conner, 2001; Hagger, 367 Chatzisarantis, & Biddle, 2002) to predict PA ($R^2=0.20$), with 5 degrees of freedom and 0.80 effect size 368

369 or power, indicating the acceptable sample size as n = 51.

370 2.4 Participants

371 Out of the 550 envelopes that were sent in phase I, 84 (15.3%) were returned. In total, 131 (84 participants from phase I, and 47 participants from phase II) observations were used. The data included 372 373 85.5% (112) male participants, while gender information was missing for one participant. More than 374 half, i.e., 51.1% (67), of the participants were in the age range of 40-65y and 45% in the range of 66-375 80y (59), while 3.8% (5) were older than 80 years, providing a mean age of 65.3 (\pm 8.7). A study investigating the demographic and clinical characteristics of CHD patients in Western Europe and Spain 376 377 indicated that the mean age was 65 and 81% of participants were male (Zamorano, García-Moll, Ferrari, 378 & Greenlaw, 2014), which is in line with the sample presented in the current study. In addition, 22.9% 379 (30) of the participants of the current study had a normal weight status and 77.1% (101) were overweight 380 or obese. This percentage of overweight and obese patients is almost similar to what is observed for general CHD patients (up to 80%) (Ades & Savage, 2017). 66.4% of patients had no profession. 381

382 3 Results

383 **3.1 Preliminary analysis**

384 The EFA was used to extract the underlying TPB constructs from the set of 21 survey items. KMO 385 = 0.85 and Bartlett's Test of Sphericity (p < 0.000) allowed to proceed for EFA. We used the *Oblimin* 386 rotation method, which facilitates correlated items and is considered to perform satisfactorily (Costello 387 & Osborne, 2005; Howard, 2016). A four-factor rotated solution was extracted based on Kaiser criterion, 388 scree plot, and parallel analysis explaining 52% of the cumulative variance. The extracted factors were 389 named as follows: PBC, attitude, intention, and SN. The higher factor loading values (association 390 between survey item with the latent factor) refer to better association with underlying factors or latent factors. Different cut-off values for factor loadings are proposed, varying from 0.30-0.45. (Howard, 391 392 2016). Five items (Q15d, Q15dg Q17, Q20 and Q22) were removed due to shared factor loading and 393 factor loading less than 0.35, as shown in Table 1.

Survey items for TPB	Attitude	PBC	Intention	SN
Q11_I expect to use	0.063	0.025	0.797	0.016
Q12_I intend to use	-0.005	-0.028	1.019	-0.005
Q13_ I try to use	-0.071	0.170	0.669	0.016
Q15a_ Advantageous-Disadvantageous	0.684	-0.180	0.066	0.214
Q15b_ Pleasant-Unpleasant	0.660	0.071	0.188	-0.020
Q15c_Reliable-Unreliable	0.746	0.116	-0.092	-0.014
Q15d_Cost efficient-Not cost efficient	0.293	-0.135	0.124	0.255
Q15e_Time taking-Less time taking	0.589	0.094	-0.071	-0.038
Q15f_Convenient-Inconvenient	0.649	0.175	0.127	-0.153
Q15g_Environment friendly-non-Environmental friendly	0.323	-0.089	0.093	0.326
Q16_ Most people important to me think that I should use	0.172	0.273	0.071	0.386
Q17_ It is expected of me to use	0.061	0.338	0.071	0.264
O18 The people in my life whose opinion I value	-0.132	0.072	0.027	0.785

394 Table 1 Exploratory Factor Analysis of TPB survey items

approve that using is good for me				
Q19_My doctor advise that using is good	0.188	0.027	0.031	0.615
Q20_ The people in my life whose opinion I value				
use	0.122	0.263	0.271	0.108
Q21_The people with heart disease like me use	0.069	0.307	0.045	0.395
Q23_ If I plan, I can use	-0.031	0.860	0.062	0.077
Q24_ If I want I can use	0.025	0.873	0.042	-0.027
Q26_ It is entirely up to me to use	0.219	0.540	-0.058	0.052
Q25_I think I have complete control over using	0.118	0.576	0.076	0.062
Q22_ It is difficult for me to use	0.266	0.123	-0.064	-0.069
Eigenvalues of extracted factors	3.05	3.18	2.71	1.95
Proportional variance	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.09

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After removing the items that loaded poorly onto the factors, we calculated the mean and standard deviation for the TPB and habit constructs, as well as for the behaviour (SM, direct ATS, indirect ATS), together with the Spearman's correlation between them (Table 2). The McDonald's Omega (ω_h) was also calculated and the values attained for our latent factors were in the acceptable range (Table 2).

400 The important observation from Table 2 can be noted that the intention was significantly correlated with its constructs (i.e., PBC, attitude and SN). A strong positive inter-correlation (zero-order 401 correlation) was found between intention and PBC ($r_s = 0.64$, p = <0.01). However, it has a moderately 402 positive correlation with SN and attitude. The intention was strongly correlated to habit strength as well 403 404 (Spearman's Rho range, $r_s = 0.74$, p < 0.01). Likewise, behavioural intention is moderately correlated with all three behaviour measures, scale measure (SM), direct ATS and indirect ATS (Spearman's Rho 405 406 range, $r_s = 0.41-0.46$, p < 0.01). Moreover, all three behaviour measures are also correlated individually 407 with all three constructs of TPB and habit strength as shown in Table 2. Therefore, simple correlation 408 analysis supports the hypotheses (H₁-H₇).

409	Table 2 Bivariate Spearman	correlation between TPB	constructs and behaviour
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		Ν	Mean	SD	ω_h	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Intention	123	5.1	1.6	0.84	1							
2	Attitude	113	5.1	1.4	0.75	0.49**	1						
3	SN	125	5.7	1.1	0.73	0.5^{**}	0.45**	1					
4	PBC	125	5.3	1.5	0.85	0.64**	0.54**	0.54**	1				
5	Habit	122	4.5	1.6	0.86	0.74**	0.49**	0.43**	0.53**	1			
6	SM	130	15.1	14.0	-	0.46**	0.37**	0.36**	0.40^{**}	0.54**	1		
7	Direct ATS	122	8.5	18.9	-	0.42**	0.30**	0.34**	0.29**	0.49**	0.58**	1	
8	Indirect ATS	68	4.99	8.7	-	0.41**	0.44**	0.39**	0.38**	0.32*	0.48**	0.38**	1
	$\omega_h = McI$	Donald	l's Omeg	a, p < 0	0.000*	*, p < = 0	0.01^{*}						

410 **3.2** Prediction of behavioural intention and use of active transport modes

411 The first step of hierarchal multiple linear regression analysis indicated that all three precedents of 412 intention were significant. This model explained a 38% variance in behavioural intention to use transport 418 H_{2}, H_{3}, H_{6}).

Behavioural intention	PBC	Attitude	SN	Habit	Adj. R ²	ΔR^2	F-value for ΔR^2		
$1 (\beta_1)$	0.43***	0.18-	0.31**	-	0.38				
(β ₂₎	0.39	0.16	0.20	-					
2 (β ₁)	0.22^{**}	0.05	0.16	0.57^{***}	0.59	0.21	56.47***		
(β_{2})	0.20	0.04	0.09	0.57					
$\beta_1 = unstandard$	ized coeffi	icient, $\beta_2 = s_1$	tandardize	d coefficien	t				
p < 0.1 = -, p <	0.05 = *, p	< 0.01 =**,	p < 0.001	= ***					
F-value for ove	F-value for overall models,								
F-value (step-1)= 23.33***	k							
F-value (step-2))= 40.96***	k							

419 Table 3 Two-step hierarchal regression outcome explaining behavioural intention (model 1)

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421 The second model followed the three-step approach of hierarchal multiple linear regression. First, 422 introducing the TPB constructs to assess the level of association with the scale measure of behaviour 423 (SM), the result showed that the attitude and PBC were significant factors. The addition of intention to 424 its related constructs resulted in a slight increase in overall variance However, adding habit strength in 425 the third step increased the overall variance explained to 21%. Therefore, the hypothesis (H₄) that 426 intention and TPB constructs contributed to explaining the behaviour, were supported in the case of 427 scale measure of use of active transport frequency (SM). The hypothesis (H₅) that the PBC significantly contributes to the prediction of behaviour, was only true in the case of scale measure (SM). The habit 428 429 strength also significantly predicted the behaviour (H_7) , as mentioned in Table 4.

430 In our third model, the direct measure of behaviour (direct ATS) was regressed with TPB and habit 431 strength. The result of the first step of the model showed that none of the TPB constructs contributed to 432 explaining the direct measure of behaviour (direct ATS) and the overall model fit was also poor. The 433 first two steps of the third model explained only 1% variance in the behaviour. In the third step, when 434 habit strength was introduced, the explained variance was increased by 2%. Habit strength was the only significant (p = 0.08) construct in explaining the direct measure of behaviour (direct ATS). Therefore, 435 436 in explaining the direct measure (direct ATS) of the use of active transport modes for travel purposes, hypothesis (H_7) was supported that the habit strength significantly contributed. The hypotheses (H_4 H_5) 437 438 were rejected as TPB constructs and intention poorly predicted the behaviour.

To predict the indirect behaviour (indirect ATS) in our fourth model, in the first and second step, from the behavioural intention and TPB constructs, none was significant. However, the overall variance explained was 10% by intention and TPB constructs. The addition of the habit strength in the third step did not change the explained variance (Table 4). Therefore, the hypothesis (H₄) was partially supported as the intention was not a significant predictor but still it contributed to explaining the behaviour. The hypothesis (H₇) that the habit strength significantly predicted the indirect behaviour, was rejected.

Interestingly, when predicting intention, adding habit strength to the TBP constructs (model 1) changes the relative predictive strength of the TPB constructs (attitude, PBC and SN). Similarly, when predicting the behavioural measure SM, adding habit strength to both TBP constructs and intention changes the relative predictive strength of the measures (model 2). Also in both models 2 and 3, adding habit strength inverses (negative) the relationship of intention with behaviour. A variable changing the relationship of other predictors to the outcome variable is not uncommon in the case of a moderating effect (MacKinnon, Fairchild, & Fritz, 2007). The discussion related to this is not further elaborated as

452 it does not contribute to the main study objectives. Overall, values in Table 4 show that PBC and habit 453 strength are better predictors of behaviour (models 2 and 3) than intention.

454	able 4 Three-step hierarchal regression outcome explaining scale measure of frequency (model 2)
455	irect behaviour (model 3) and indirect behaviour (model 4)	

		Intention	PBC	Attitude	SN	Habit	Adj. R ²	ΔR^2	F-value for ΔR^2
Model 2 (n = 106)								
	$1 (\beta_1)$	-	2.36^{*}	1.90-	-0.13	-	0.11		
	(β ₂)		0.24	0.18	-0.01				
SM	2 (β ₁)	1.49	1.72	1.63	-0.59	-	0.12	0.01	2.02 ^{ns}
	(β ₂)	0.16	0.17	0.16	-0.04				
	3 (β ₁)	-1.15	1.25	1.14	-0.95	4.32^{***}	0.21	0.09	13.37***
	(β ₂)	-0.13	0.13	0.11	-0.07	0.48			
Overall F-	values of e	ach step in M	Iodel 2, 1	F-value (ste	p-1) = 5	.40 ^{***} , F-v	alue (sto	ep-2) = 4	4.59 ^{***} , F-
value (step	$(-3) = 6.78^{\circ}$	***							
Model 3 (I	n=100)								
	$1(\beta_1)$	-	-1.42	1.23	3.96	-	0.01		
D'	(β_2)	-	-0.11	0.09	0.19	-			
Direct	$2(\beta_1)$	1.65	-2.19	0.90	3.74	-	0.01	0.00	1.22 ^{ns}
AIS	(β ₂)	0.13	-0.17	0.07	0.18				
	$3(\beta_1)$	-0.19	-2.53	0.56	3.36	3.05	0.03	0.02	3.14
	(β_2)	-0.02	-0.19	0.04	0.16	0.26			
Overall F- value (ster	values of e $(-3) = 1.72^{1}$	each step in N	Aodel 3,	F-value (st	ep-1) =	1.37 ^{ns} , F-	value (st	tep-2) =	1.33 ^{ns} , F-
Model 4 (1	n = 51)								
	$1(B_1)$	_	1 16	0.88	1 30	_	0.09		
	(β_2)		0.20	0.00	0.16		0.07		
Indirect	(β_{1})	0.97	0.71	0.48	0.97	-	0.10	0.01	1.14 ^{ns}
ATS	(β_2)	0.19	0.12	0.06	0.12		0110	0.01	
	$3(\beta_1)$	1.79	0.78	0.67	0.95	-1.19	0.10	0.00	0.94 ^{ns}
	(β_2)	0.36	0.13	0.08	0.12	-0.22			
Overall F-	values of ea	ach step in M	odel 4, F	-value (step	(-1) = 2.9	91 [*] , F-valu	ie (step-2	(2) = 2.47	⁷⁻ , F-value
(step-3) = 1	2.16	ľ		` `				,	
$\beta 1 = unsta$	ndardized	coefficient, β	2 = stand	dardized co	efficient				
p < 0.1 = -	, p <0.05 =	*, p < 0.01 =	=**, p <	0.001 = ***	n, ns = n	ot signific	ant		
3 Mode	ration effe	ct of habit st	rength						
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458 ıd 459 behavioural intention were not significant in explaining the direct measure of behaviour (direct ATS) $(\beta_{habit*intention} = 0.07, p > 0.05)$ and the indirect measure of behaviour (indirect ATS) 460 $(\beta_{habit*intention} = 0.14, p > 0.1)$. Therefore, hypothesis H₈ is not supported as habit did not moderate 461 the relationship between behavioural intention and direct and indirect measurement of the use of 462 transport modes. However, the habit strength moderated the relationship between behavioural intention 463 and the scale measure of behaviour (SM), ($\beta_{habit*intention} = 1.41, p < 0.01$), Therefore, hypothesis H₈ 464 is supported, and habit significantly moderated the relationship between behavioural intention and the 465 scale measure of behaviour (SM). Additional slope analysis confirmed that intention was a significant 466 467 predictor (continuous line) of the behaviour (SM) at low levels of habit strength (Figure 3). The 468 continuous green line in Figure 3 represents the significant slope at low levels of habit strength (β =

469 -2.18, p < 0.1). This means that for those who have low habit strength (for being active), the intention 470 has a negative influence on activity: the more they intend to be active, the less likely they are to be active. For the respondents scoring higher on intention, lower behaviour patterns were observed. 471 472 However, for the respondents having high habit strength (for being active), intention makes little 473 difference in their activity (SM), ($\beta = 2.34, p > 0.1$). This slope where the respondents' intentions 474 were found insignificant when the habits to use active transport modes were already strong, has been 475 observed in previous studies (Brug, de Vet, de Nooijer, & Verplanken, 2006; Gert Jan de Bruijn et al., 476 2009; Bas Verplanken et al., 1998).



Figure 2 Decomposition of interaction between intention and habit strength to moderate the behaviour (scale measure)

477 **4 Discussion**

The discussion section is subdivided into four parts. The first subsection (4.1) describes how well the behavioural intention to use the active transport modes daily for travel purposes, is explained by the eTPB framework. The second subsection (4.2) presents the related discussion on how well three selfreported measures of behaviour of using active transport modes daily for travel purposes, are explained by the extended TPB framework. The third subsection (4.3) presents the moderating role of habit strength in explaining the intention-behaviour relationship. Besides, the last section (4.4) highlights the limitations and strengths of the current study.

485 **4.1** Intention to use the active transport modes daily for travel purposes

486 Consistent with the TPB theoretical framework, attitude, SNs and PBC towards the use of active 487 transport modes explained 38% variance in the intention to use active transport modes (walking or 488 cycling for at least 10 minutes/day) for travel purposes. This result is in confirmation with previous studies of relevant behaviours, i.e., pro-environment and performing PA (Bamberg & Möser, 2007; 489 490 Davies, Mummery, & Steele, 2010; Plotnikoff, Lippke, Courneya, Birkett, & Sigal, 2010). Adding habit 491 strength to this model increased the 21% variance explained in the intention to use active transport 492 modes. It is also confirmed by other studies that habit strength is strongly relevant in explaining the 493 behavioural intention of mode choice related behaviour (Fu, 2020; Gardner, 2009; Murtagh et al., 2012; 494 Thøgersen, 2006).

495 **4.2** Using active transport modes daily for travel purposes

The current study used three types of self-reported measures of active transport modes use; 1) the combination of single scale measures of walking or cycling frequency; 2) direct ATS (PA calculated by multiplying the directly reported average time spent/day for walking or cycling for transportation with the corresponding MET values from the compendium 2011 of activities, and 3) indirect ATS (PA 500 calculated by combining the duration spent on the trips by walking or cycling from the self-reported 501 one-day travel diary and then multiplying with the corresponding MET values). The scale measure of the behaviour achieved a higher explained variance by the TBP constructs together with habit strength 502 503 in comparison to the other measures. Interestingly, the bivariate correlation between the direct and the 504 scale measure of behaviour is stronger in comparison to the indirect and scale measure. However, the 505 variance explained by the direct measure is far less than it is explained by the scale measure of behaviour. 506 These results do not coincide with previous literature. For example, studies using direct measures 507 explained better variance in the behaviour such as car use commuting (i.e., 52%), adult active 508 transportation (i.e., 26%) and active commute (i.e., 41%) (Abrahamse, Steg, Gifford, & Vlek, 2009; 509 Gert Jan de Bruijn et al., 2009; Lemieux & Godin, 2009), by TPB constructs using convenience samples of student and employees. Additionally, the scale measure of behaviour in the following studies 510 511 predicted the driving behaviour even up to 67% (Elliott et al., 2007; Paris & Van den Broucke, 2008) in random driving license holders and a convenient sample of civil servants. Other studies using the indirect 512 513 measure of PA and transport-related cycling also successfully predicted the behaviour by TPB constructs up to 43% (Maddison et al., 2009; Zhang, Zhang, Gan, Li, & Rhodes, 2019), in students (between 12-514 515 17 years) and employees.

516 A variety of measurement methods for behaviour are used in the literature and are predicted well, 517 as explained above. Two possible explanations of the lack of significant relations between the TPB 518 construct and direct and indirect measurements of behaviour in the current study are discussed. The first 519 possibility stems from the concept of the TPB itself, as the pioneering author of the TPB, Icek Ajzen, 520 has stated that the theory is intuitively reasonable in explaining planned behaviours and intentions. 521 Whether the behavioural intention is translated into actual behaviour, is a matter of external factors 522 beyond the individual's control (Ajzen, 2011, 2020). This argument might justify the little success to 523 predict direct and indirect self-reported behaviour in the current study. The use of active transport modes 524 for travel purposes immanently means outdoor functional activities and are subject to various external 525 barriers such as weather, the complexity of trip purposes, the burden of carrying things, etc. (Ton, 526 Duives, Cats, Hoogendoorn-Lanser, & Hoogendoorn, 2019). Likewise, the strong habitual use of the car 527 in routine trips can also affect the intention to use active transport modes (Aarts & Dijksterhuis, 2000b; 528 Gardner, 2009). Despite these barriers to behaviour performance, the discordance between the intention-529 behaviour relationship exists and is a well-established fact in PA and exercise behaviours (G. J. de Bruijn & Rhodes, 2011; Rhodes & Bruijn, 2013; Rhodes & Yao, 2015). A meta-analysis aiming to quantify 530 531 the intention-behaviour gap in PA, suggests that nearly twice as many people fail to translate their 532 intention into reality as those who do (Rhodes & Bruijn, 2013).

533 The second explanation of the lack of relationship between the TPB construct and direct and 534 indirect behaviour measures relates to the lack of compatibility of measures of behaviour and its 535 psychological precursors. This possibility was also discussed in a study where a single-item measure of 536 walking (scale measurement as required by the TPB) was better predicted than the self-reported measure 537 through PA recall (indirect measure) or another objective measure (pedometer) (Scott et al., 2007). The 538 difference in the means of direct ($\bar{x} = 8.5$) and indirect ($\bar{x} = 4.99$) measures of the behaviour indicates 539 that the direct reporting of time spent on active transport modes was over-estimated to almost double, 540 as calculated from their self-reported recall travel diary. This questions the reliability of self-reported direct measures representing the actual behaviour. Self-reported measures are known to be influenced 541 by many biases, such as social desirability, seasonal effects and age, in addition to other cognitive and 542 543 affective biases (Elliott et al., 2007; Vanhees et al., 2005). In PA as well as in the transportation domain, self-reported measures of behaviour are associated with over-estimation in comparison to the objective 544 545 measurements of behaviour (Kelly, Krenn, Titze, Stopher, & Foster, 2013; Panter, Costa, Dalton, Jones, 546 & Ogilvie, 2014; Vanhees et al., 2005). However, if the three measures used in the current study are 547 compared in terms of mental effort, we see that scale measure requires the least mental effort to fill in 548 the response, and maximum responses were received from this measure. The directly measured 549 behaviour requires a bit more mental effort than the scale measure, as participants must recall their aggregated average minutes spent on each mode. The indirect measure requires the most mental effort, 550 551 and therefore the least number of responses were received in this case. Here, we discern the opportunity 552 to question the representation of the compatible scale measure of the behaviour as an actual behaviour. 553 Exploiting the example from our own study, where the scale measure was described as *How often have*

554 you walked (at least 10 minutes/day) for travel purposes during the last 3 weeks?; the type of responses 555 gave vague information of using the transport modes frequency in terms of daily, a few days a week, 556 etc. No doubt, the formulation of the question could have been improved. However, this scale measure 557 was predicted better among other direct and indirect measures; while the latter measures of behaviour 558 present the behaviour more precisely. Particularly, the direct measure was expected to be predicted 559 better, as it is better correlated to scale measure as well as being theoretically compatible to its 560 precursors. The lack of significance for the direct measure might be attributed to the unfamiliarity with 561 the behaviour (e.g., CHD patients might be better familiar with enhancing the leisure-time walking and 562 cycling than for travel purposes) or simply not performing the behaviour. This might have caused 563 discordance between the responses of different behaviour measures asked differently; how often (scale measure), on average per day (direct measure) and which actual trips on a day (indirect measure), and 564 565 thus led to variability in prediction by TPB. This also led to convincing us that probably the major part 566 of the explained variance, e.g., in scale measure, is due to the Common Method Variance (CMV). The speculation about predicting the more compatible measures of behaviour partly by CMV is also 567 discussed in the literature (Scott et al., 2007; Sutton, 1998). If all measures (behavioural and eTPB 568 569 measures) required for response are collected in a single survey and at the same time, there is the 570 possibility that the resulting relationships among the measuring constructs are distorted. This bias is called CMV and it inflates the estimated relationship between one construct and another (Rodríguez-571 572 Ardura & Meseguer-Artola, 2020). However, when using the TPB, it is required to have compatibility 573 and correspondence between behaviour and TPB constructs measures, in order to match the cause and 574 effect (Ajzen, 2002a, 2020; Sutton, 1998). The discussion regarding the CMV and self-reported scale 575 measures in the relevant literature of TPB applications is rarely made explicit. This is probably due to a 576 lack of comparative studies using different types of different implicit behavioural measures in parallel. 577 Withal, the possibility of CMV influence is only mentioned in a meta-analysis related to the TPB 578 (Armitage & Conner, 2001).

579 Furthermore, habit strength was a significant predictor of behaviour in the scale measure and direct 580 measure of behaviour, but not in the indirect measure of behaviour. Therefore, it is assumed that habit 581 strength is an important construct in explaining the use of active transport modes. A meta-analysis of 58 582 studies aiming to understand the transport mode choice behaviour, also suggested that habits and past behaviour are the most relevant predictors (Lanzini & Khan, 2017). However, concerning the indirect 583 584 measure of the behaviour, it was calculated from a one-day travel diary, which is inherently not representative of the habitual use of active transport mode. Therefore, the insignificant main effect and 585 586 negative relationship of habit strength with behaviour can be justified. Future studies are recommended 587 to consider multiple-day travel diary to explain the related effect of habit on the use of active transport 588 mode.

589 To conclude this section, the limitations proposed by Sniehotta et al., 2014 are recognisable in the 590 current study, as the TPB is less predictive for a population at risk, type of behaviour and behavioural 591 measurement methods (McEachan, Conner, Taylor, & Lawton, 2011; Scott et al., 2007; Sniehotta, Presseau, & Araújo-Soares, 2014). A meta-analysis of non-adherence behaviour in chronic illnesses 592 593 performed by Rich, Brandes, Mullan, & Hagger, 2015, also reflects on this (Rich et al., 2015). In future 594 studies, it is recommended to compare different explicit and implicit methods (Gawronski & Hahn, 595 2019) to measure the behaviour and to discuss the association of self-reported explicit measures, i.e., 596 scale measure with representative implicit behaviour measures (i.e., direct and indirect behaviour 597 measures). This will highlight the inconsistent predictive utility of the TPB across different behaviour 598 measures (Hobbs, Dixon, Johnston, & Howie, 2012), thus adding further understanding in the target behaviour, i.e., the use of active transport modes. Moreover, Ajzen (2020) recommended that the 599 600 inclusion of the TPB constructs measures of the alternatives in the choice situations can account for an 601 additional explanation of behaviour (Ajzen, 2020). Likewise, in a car-dependent society, measuring the 602 corollary habitual strength of alternative transport modes such as car use might explain the use of active 603 transport mode better, as also observed in several studies (Møller & Thøgersen, 2008; Murtagh et al., 604 2012).

605 **4.3 Moderating role of habit strength**

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Simple correlation showed that habit and intentions are strongly correlated. However, habit strength

607 significantly moderated the relationship only between the scale measure of behaviour and behavioural 608 intention. The results showed that when habits are weak, behavioural intention is relevant to predict the behaviour, which is in line with previous findings, albeit in a negative way. It is a fact that intention is 609 610 a weak to non-significant predictor of behaviour in case of strong habits, and a significant factor in case 611 of low to medium habits (Bamberg & Schmidt, 2003; G.-J. de Bruijn & Gardner, 2011; Gert Jan De Bruijn et al., 2007). This relates to the theory of interpersonal behaviour by Triandis (1977), which 612 predates the modern dual systems models of information processing (Sherman, Gawronski, & Trope, 613 614 2014). According to this dual system approach, habit and intention are both antecedents of behaviour. Their weight in predicting the behaviour varies opposite to each other; if the influence of intentions is 615 616 strong then the habit will be weak and vice versa (Bas Verplanken, 2018). The decomposition of the relationship between habit strength and behaviour showed that in the case of weak habits, participating 617 618 CHD patients having more intention used less active transport modes. In previous studies, the opposite 619 link of strong habit and weak intentions is usually found significant and discussed (G.-J. de Bruijn & 620 Gardner, 2011; Gert Jan De Bruijn et al., 2007; Gert Jan de Bruijn et al., 2009). However, this might depend on the nature of the behaviour, as the use of active transport was not performed habitually by 621 622 participating CHD patients, but being environmentally friendly and healthy behaviour, participants 623 showed intention for it. This further relates to the intention-behaviour gap (Rhodes & Bruijn, 2013; 624 Rhodes & Yao, 2015) which refers to the fact that having high intentions towards behaviour, i.e., the use of active transport, doesn't mean that these are translated into reality. Thus, low volitional control 625 626 over the behaviour was observed, which is probably due to external factors, as discussed. However, to 627 minimize this intention-behaviour gap, many post-intention or motivation models are used, which 628 include volitional regulatory behaviour (e.g., action planning and planning to cope with anticipated barriers), endogenous factors (e.g., social ecology), habit formation, identity, self-efficacy, outcome 629 630 expectation, etc. (Rhodes & Yao, 2015; Zhang et al., 2019).

631 4.4 Limitations and strengths

632 The results of the current study should be used by taking into consideration the following 633 limitations. First, the data used for this study was part of a larger study, which included TPB constructs 634 and habit strength to get a better socio-cognitive overview of the use of active transport modes of CHD patients, to inform the intervention design for future study. Therefore, to reduce the burden on 635 participants, a shorter version of the SRHI was used, which could consist of an incomplete representation 636 637 of habitual behaviour. Either, a complete SRHI or a shorter version, whose reliability has been fairly tested in the literature such as, 'Self-Report Behavioural Automaticity Index' (SRBAI), can be used 638 639 (Gardner et al., 2012). Second, the results are limited to the dominant amount of male subjects in the population (85.5%), and therefore, caution should be taken before generalizing the findings. Third, 640 641 although a large number of cross-sectional studies are present in the literature (Gert Jan de Bruijn, Kroeze, Oenema, & Brug, 2008; Menozzi, Sogari, & Mora, 2015; Mullan, Allom, Sainsbury, & Monds, 642 643 2015) validating the TPB framework, a powerful longitudinal research design in future can help validate the findings of the current cross-sectional study for the population at risk, i.e. CHD patients, along with 644 645 comparing different measurement methods of behaviour. Fourth, the result of indirect measures showed 646 that the habitual use of active transport is not accounted for by one-day travel diaries. Therefore, the use 647 of a multiple-day travel diary is recommended for future confirmatory studies. A multiple-day travel 648 diary is considered a better source of information, but due to the high cost and additional burden on 649 respondents, the use of one-day diaries is yet common practice to get a general overview of the travel 650 behaviour pattern (Prelipcean, 2018). Finally, in the current study, the sample size used was small, leading to small effect sizes. Therefore, generalizing these results to the whole population of CHD 651 patients might not be suitable. The study results can be used for hypothesis generation, and it is 652 653 recommended to replicate and extend the findings from the current study with a large sample.

Nevertheless, we believe that this study contributes to the literature, due to the following strengths. The first strength of the current study is that the investigation of three different self-reported behaviour measures across the same population can help to understand the congruence in the prediction by TPB. Secondly, it is the first time that the use of active transport modes in a randomly selected at-risk population, i.e., CHD patients, has been explained by the TPB and habit strength. Finally, it has assessed an important issue (the use of active transport modes) that can contribute to the health benefits of patients with heart diseases, by providing an understanding of the behaviour as well as of the future direction forthe interventions.

662 **5 Conclusions**

The net health benefits of the use of active transport modes are acknowledged in previous literature. 663 Enhancing the share of active transport modes in the daily routine of CHD patients can play a positive 664 665 role in secondary prevention. The current study aimed to examine the utility of the extended TPB framework with habit strength in explaining the intention to use active transport modes, and the 666 behaviour to use active transport modes, during the daily travel routine of CHD patients, using three 667 668 types of self-reported measures of behaviour. The results indicate that the extended TPB framework with habit strength fairly (up to 59% variance) explained the intention to use active transport modes of 669 CHD patients. On the contrary, different behavioural measures were explained differently by the TPB 670 constructs and habit strength. The scale measure of behaviour was best predicted (up to 21%) by TPB 671 and habit strength among the rest measures. The direct and indirect measures of use of active transport 672 673 modes were relatively poorly explained (up to 3% and 10% only, respectively) by the extended TPB 674 framework. The habit strength moderated the relationship between behaviour and behavioural intention only in the case of scale measure of behaviour, but not in the case of direct and indirect measures of 675 676 behaviour. In the case of weak habits, the intention was a significant precursor of the behaviour. 677 Surprisingly, higher behavioural intention resulted in a lower behavioural frequency, confirming the intention-behaviour gap. The study findings highlight the limitation of the variable predictive utility of 678 679 the TPB across different types of behaviour measures of the use of active transport modes of at-risk populations. However, considering this study a hypothesis-generating, further research is necessary to 680 681 replicate and extend these findings with a larger cohort.

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