Reviewer's report

Title: Comparison of Performance-Based Measures among native Japanese, Japanese-Americans in Hawaii and Caucasian Women in the United States, ages 65 years and over: a cross-sectional study

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Major:
1. As pointed by authors, authors divided subjects into five age groups, and compared age 85+ vs 65-69 years (Table 2). However, number of subjects in age 85+ years is only 2-3 in native Japanese in each analysis. Calculation of %difference and comparison among three groups are not appropriate. Subjects age 85+ and 80-84 must be combined.

2. Discussion: P11L1 ...,grip strength may be.....: There is no data on physical labor in this study.
If authors want to mention about the effect of physical labor on grip strength, data on physical labor is crucial. In addition, backgrounds of participants (P13L5) are very important point in evaluating the results. It is natural to think that the differences among three groups in four variables adopted in this study are mainly influenced by differences of physical labor or engaged occupation rather than those of neuromuscular function.

**Competing interests:**

None declared.