Title: Operationalizing frailty among older residents of assisted living facilities.

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
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Melissa Norton MD, Editor-in-Chief
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Dear Dr. Norton:

Please find attached our revised manuscript entitled, “Operationalizing frailty among older residents of assisted living facilities” submitted as a final version to BMC Geriatrics.

As requested, we have made the following formatting changes to our manuscript:

Major revisions:

1. We have revised Table 3 to remove the shading and to clarify the column sub-headings.

Minor revisions:

2. Figure 1 – we have redone this figure in ppt to reduce the white space around the figure.

3. We have carefully reviewed the text and all tables of the latest manuscript version provided to us by your editorial office. In response to our review – we corrected the following issues:
   a. Pg. 9, first sentence of last paragraph – we have italicized the ‘M’ and ‘r’ in the formula presented;
   b. Reference #10 – we have capitalized the formal name of the study in the article title (The Maryland Assisted Living Study).
   c. Reference #30 – we have corrected the error in the article title (replaced ‘predication’ with ‘prediction’)
   d. Table 4 – under footnote 3 for the AUC estimates – there was an error in the difference estimate provided for item (iii) – this has been changed from .0001 to .002.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions regarding the above changes.

Sincerely,

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Colleen Maxwell, PhD
Professor & AHFMR Health Scholar