Author's response to reviews

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**Re.: Submission of Original Article**  
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Dear Professor Patel,

Thank you for your kind response on our paper entitled “Depression after low-energy fracture in older women predicts future falls: a prospective observational study”. Thanks also for giving us the opportunity to resubmit second a revised version. Your constructive comments on the paper are well taken and have been very helpful in the revision process. The attached pages itemize our response to your comments. For purpose of clarity we numbered the comments and referred to the text in our answers.

We do hope that the manuscript will be suitable for publication in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Yours sincerely,

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**Associate Editor's Comment**

I believe the authors have been very attentive to the reviewers feedback and in so doing, the scholarly product is much better. There remain a few minor issues.

1. On page 2, a hyphen is needed between "seventy" and "nine".
   We added a hyphen between "seventy" and "nine" on page 2 of the manuscript (line 39).

2. "Dutch Primary care" is spelled this way throughout the manuscript. Is this a proper noun that it needs capitalization? And if so, why is not "Care" also capitalized.
   We agree that it is inconsistent to capitalize "Primary" and not "Care". Furthermore it is not a proper noun. Therefore we removed the capitalization of "Primary" throughout the manuscript (page 3, line 73; page 4, line 84; page 10 line 230, 244).

3. On page 4, low energy fractures don't have to be defined again. This is redundant.
   We removed the definition of "low energy fractures" on page 4 (line 86).

4. On table 1, education is classified as low, moderate and high. How exactly was this classified? Based on what? This is not clear.
   We replaced the classification low, moderate and high, by a more clarifying classification (page 5, table 1).

5. On page 5 at the bottom, it should be 'living on one’s own", not "living on its own".
   We changed "living on its own" by "living on one’s own" (page 5, line 127; page 6 Table 2; page 9 Table 4a and Table 4b)

6. The word "Table" should always be capitalized throughout when referring to Table 1 of Table 2 or Table 3 (like this sentence).
   We adjusted the lower case first letter of the word table into a capital letter when we refer to a Table (page 6, line 132; page 7, line 168; page 8, line 195 and 203).