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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The primary question is better stated now; however, the manuscript needs to better discuss the relationships between executive function and balance.

2. It is not clear if the authors were able to respond my previous question (number 6), concerning the analysis. A response for that question is missing from their rebuttal letter, although they have acknowledged my question in response number 11 to the second reviewer. Specifically, the analysis needs to be adjusted for history of falls which is a very well known predictor of future falls. It is no clearly stated in methods if this has been performed and in which way.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

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