Author's response to reviews

Title: Inappropriate Medication Use among the Elderly: a Systematic Review

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To the Editor of BMC Geriatrics

Dear Dr,

I am submitting the manuscript "Inappropriate Medication Use among the Elderly: a Systematic Review of Administrative Databases" (Ref. MS: 3799799375290395), revised according to the reviewers’ and editor’s suggestions (letter of 05 July 2011). We are grateful for the suggestions, which have certainly improved the paper. Changes have been made to the text, so as to bring it into line with the comments by the 4 reviewers and the Associated Editors.

This review describes studies of inappropriate medication use among elderly people resident in the community, using information from insurance company and social security administrative databases. The most important outcome of our effort is identification of the factors associated with IMU (sex, age, and number of medications). These factors had already been identified in isolated studies in the literature. However, we found no systematic overall review. That meant taking into account millions of participants studied, and could yield a substantial contribution to knowledge of the problem.

Looking forward to hear from you soon, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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