Author's response to reviews

Title: Whole body vibration for older persons: an open randomized, multicentre, parallel, clinical trial.

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Dear Rachel Neilan,

I would appreciate your consideration of our study protocol entitled "Whole body vibration for older persons: an open randomized, multicentre, parallel, clinical trial" by Sitjà-Rabert M, Martínez Zapata MJ, Fort-Vanmeerhaeghe A, Romero-Rodríguez D, Rey Abella F and Bonfill X to be published in your journal BMC Geriatrics.

This is a randomized controlled trial that will compare the results of exercising with WBV and exercising without WBV in the improvement of body balance, muscle performance and fall prevention in institutionalized older persons.

We have revised our manuscript, according your comments (email received 1 November 2001). We adapted our manuscript conform to the journal style and we have changed the title page and the abstract. Additionally, we have rewrote the Competing interests section.

For this study, we have the approval from the Ethics Board of the Corporació Sanitària Parc Taulí de Sabadell and the Hospital Universitari Mútua de Terrassa, Spain. I have corrected the Study design section and write with a past tense and we have included the name of the committee as well, so that the readers know who approved our study.

We received a public grant for this study (Project 180/2010) from the Institute for Older Persons and Social Services (IMSERSO), Spanish Ministry of Health,
Social Policy and Equality. This grant was valued at 38000€.

We have not submitted any manuscripts based on this study protocol to other journals. We have already registered the clinical trial at http://clinicaltrials.gov/: NCT01375790.

We look forward to hearing from you, many thanks for your attention.

Yours sincerely,

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