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Dear Dr. Patel:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and resubmit the manuscript # 1888432462723401 titled “Association of total daily physical activity with disability in community-dwelling older persons: a prospective cohort study.”

Responses to the reviewer’s comments are included below and we have highlighted the associated changes we have made in the manuscript.

We thank you for considering this revised manuscript for publication in BMC Geriatrics. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns.

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Thank you for the opportunity to re-review this manuscript. I appreciate the authors’ thoughtful revisions and have only minor essential revisions:

p. 2: The odds ratio and 95% Confidence Interval (CI) was determined; please replace “was” with “were in two sentences.

p. 4: Moderate to severe function limitations is defined…; please replace “is” with “are” or change “limitations” to “limitation.”

p. 6: And have agreed to annual clinical evaluations…; please replace “have” with “had.”

p. 7: Upon retrieval of the actigraph, raw data was downloaded…; please consider data as a plural noun (data were downloaded) in this and subsequent sentences.

p. 9: Next, initial model was repeated…; please insert “the”.

p. 10: The mean level of total daily physical activity for persons reporting on physical activity was 2.5…; should that read, “for persons reporting ‘no’ physical activity…”?

p. 15: Efforts on populations that high risk for developing disability such as persons over the age of 80; please replace “that high risk” with “at high risk.”

p. 15: Total daily physical activity worn continuously over multiple days; consider, “total daily physical activity assessed continuously over multiple days….”

We appreciate the careful reading of the manuscript by the reviewer. We have made the corrections as suggested. We have reviewed the manuscript again to correct any remaining typographical or grammatical errors.