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Dear Editors

Re: The impact of early emergency department allied health intervention on admission rates in older people: a non-randomized clinical study

On behalf of my co-authors thank you again for the opportunity to re-submit this article to BMC Geriatrics.

I attach below a point by point response to the reviewer and editor comments, indicating where changes have been made.

This paper has not been previously published nor accepted elsewhere for publication.

Please feel free to contact me with any queries.

Yours Sincerely

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Reviewer Crilly

Minor
1. The abstract wording has been changed as suggested
2. Reference to TIA has been removed
3. Thank you, we agree this made no sense. The sentence now reads “The use of allied health personnel working as a CCT in ED appears to support this aim”.

Reviewer Salvi

Discretionary
1. Figure 1 has been amended as requested

Editorial requests

The names of the ethics committees and patient consent is now documented in the methods section paragraph 1