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**Submission manuscript: ‘Fall incidents unraveled: An observational video-based real life fall events study’**

Dear editor,

Please find enclosed our manuscript entitled ‘Fall incidents unraveled: An observational video-based real life fall events study’. We feel encouraged to ask you to consider this manuscript for publication in *BMC Geriatrics* for several reasons.

First, this research provides new insights in the details of the fall process and contributes to a better understanding of the complexities of the fall process in older persons at high risk for falling.

Second, to our knowledge, this is the first study to analyze fall incidents in private areas of older persons by means of video images in a real-life environment. With the exception of one study (Robinovitch et al. 2012), measuring falls with video cameras installed in common areas of long-term care facilities (e.g. dining rooms, lounges, hallways) representing a different environmental and situational context, the majority of studies used self-reported and/or retrospective methods for collecting falls data, which makes the ascertainment of circumstances less reliable.

The submitted paper may therefore have an influence on clinical practice as well as future research in falls prevention. Therefore, we believe that the present manuscript suits the mission of *BMC Geriatrics*.

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The editorial consideration given to this manuscript is highly appreciated. We are looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of all co-authors

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