Author's response to reviews

Title: Changes in the body posture of women occurring with aging

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Re: Answers to the reviewer comments made by Professor Giulio Pioli.

Dear Professor Pioli,

In reference to your comments on the manuscript, “Changes in the body posture of women occurring with aging”, submitted on 21.01.2013, we are resubmitting the work with the following amendments:

1. The names of the parameters in the summary were changed.
2. The research method and principles were described.
3. The group selection criteria were provided.
4. The comparison of three groups of older women was justified in the methodology section.
5. The aim of the above comparison was clearly defined.
6. Parameter units were added in the tables.
7. The clinical relevance of our research was indicated in the discussion.
8. The manuscript was proofread by a native English speaker and medical professional.
9. The statistical significance level was added in the tables.
10. Duplicate numbering in the references was corrected.

We are thankful for your comments and input assisting in the improvement of this work, and appreciate your reconsideration of our manuscript during the resubmission process.

Yours sincerely,

The authors
Re: Answers to the reviewer comments made by Professor Manuel E. Hernandez

Dear Professor Hernandez,

In reference to your comments on the manuscript, “Changes in the body posture of women occurring with aging”, submitted on 21.01.2013, we are resubmitting the work with the following amendments:

1. A method description was provided.
2. Software authors were listed.
3. Interpretations of the Mann-Whitney U and Kruskal-Wallis ANOVA tests were changed.
4. Study procedures were explained.
5. KP and KKL formulas were introduced and illustrated in Figure 2.
6. The results interpretation was changed in the summary, results, and discussion sections.
7. The reason for choosing the photogrammetric method was explained.
8. The method of transferring the results into a computer was explained.
9. Body weight, body height, and BMI values were added.
10. Study limitations were described.
11. The possibility of implementing the tested parameters was outlined.
12. The clinical relevance of the study was discussed.
13. The sentence described in point 10 of the review was explained.
14. Literature references reporting the effect of body posture and balance on the fall rate were added.
15. Abbreviations in the summary were explained.
16. The units used for measuring the parameters were provided.
17. The importance of the study was discussed at the end of the introduction section.
18. Some additional literature references suggested by the reviewer were added.
19. The units used for measuring the parameters were provided.
20. Names of statistical tests were corrected.
21. Names of parameters and groups in the summary were changed.
22. The Ethics Committee approval number was removed.
23. Wording of the sentence described in point 4 of the Discretionary Revisions was changed.
24. The manuscript was proofread by a medical professional, native English speaker.

We are thankful for your comments and input assisting in the improvement of this work, and appreciate your reconsideration of our manuscript during the resubmission process.

Yours sincerely,

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