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Dear Editors of BMC Geriatrics

Attached files are copies of our manuscript entitled “Staging mobility, transfer and walking functions of elderly persons based on the codes of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health”

In 2001 WHO has introduced the ICF and strengthening its application is underway. This study is about the development of an ICF based scale by combining the ICF code and our previous knowledge about case management using the Guttman type scale. By using the knowledge used in this study, ICF can be adopted as a common language among health care professionals.

A part of this study has been reported previously as a meeting abstract in BMC Health service research, entitled “Health measurement for care management using the international classification of functioning codes”

However, this paper has not been considered for publication elsewhere and it has not been previously reported. Therefore, I would like to ask you to consider this manuscript for publication in the original article section of the “BMC Geriatrics” The study was approved by the Ethical Review Board of the Japanese Association of Geriatric Health Services Facilities. The study was carried out in compliance with the Declaration of Helsinki. In addition, written consent to participate to this study was obtained from each participant or the participant’s proxy family member.

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