Author's response to reviews

Title: Staging of mobility, transfer and walking functions of elderly persons based on the codes of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health

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Emily Crow, Executive Editor
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Dear Ms. Crow:

Please find attached a copy of the manuscript entitled “Staging of mobility, transfer and walking functions of elderly persons based on the codes of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health,” which I would like to resubmit for consideration of publication as an Original Article in BMC Geriatrics. The thoughtful comments of the reviewers have led to what I believe is a substantially improved manuscript. I hope you will now find it suitable for publication in BMC Geriatrics.

This paper should be of interest to a broad readership, particularly those interested in the health and healthcare of older people, because it details the development of a new scale for staging basic mobility and walking functions based on the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). Our results suggest that we can now better understand and manage patient care using functional information based on the ICF and that our scales may be ready to be used internationally as assessment scales in geriatric care settings.

The work presented herein is original, has not been previously published in whole or in part, and is not under consideration for publication in any other journal. All authors listed have contributed sufficiently to the project to be included as authors, and all those who are qualified to be authors are listed in the author byline. I attest to the fact that all authors listed on the title page have read the manuscript, attest to the validity and legitimacy of the data and its interpretation, and agree to its submission to BMC Geriatrics.

I would like to thank you in advance for reconsidering this manuscript. Please
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Sincerely,
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