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Response to Editor

Dear Professor Volpato,

We are very pleased that the revised manuscript satisfactorily addressed the reviewers’ comments and are thankful for the improvements that were suggested. We are also grateful for the opportunity to respond to the additional issues that were pointed out, and proceed working on the submission of our manuscript *Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment predicts mortality and adverse outcomes in hospitalized older adults* by Avelino-Silva et al. for possible publication as a Research Article in *BMC Geriatrics*. The description of the modifications that were made to address the editor’s concerns is detailed below.

**Editor’s comments:**

1.) “*In the abstract and method sections the authors should indicate where the study was conducted.*”

As requested, we have now indicated in both Abstract and Methods sections that the study was conducted in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We have also informed in the Methods section that the university hospital where study took place is a 2,200-bed institution (please see page 2, line 37; and page 5, lines 110-111).

2.) “*The first two paragraphs of the discussion are not appropriated and could be removed. As a matter of fact the authors simply repeated concepts already reported in the introduction.*”
We are grateful for this observation and, as suggested, have edited the Discussion section to remove the redundancies (please see Discussion section, page 12, paragraphs 1-2).

We hope to have addressed all the issues satisfactorily, and that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Thiago J. Avelino-Silva on behalf of the authors