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Dear Irene Pala and *BMC Geriatrics* Peer-Review Panel:

Please accept this manuscript entitled “Fracture risk in long term care: A systematic review and meta-analysis of prospective observational studies” for consideration as an Research Article in *BMC Geriatrics*. This manuscript represents the work by Rasha Khatib, Nancy Santesso, Laura Pickard, Osman Osman, Lora Giangregorio, Carly Skidmore, and Alexandra Papaioannou.

This manuscript is original work and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. All authors have had access to the study data and take full responsibility for the accuracy of the data analysis.

For re-submission as requested by Danica Stephanie Lorrein Jose on May 28th 2014, we have made the following changes to the manuscript.

1) We have incorporated line numbering and page numbers to the manuscript.

2) We have included a statement about the ethics committee which approved the multistage project that this systematic review has informed. We submitted an e-mail to Danica with regards to the fact that this manuscript only presents the results of a systematic review with secondary analyses and it does not include direct involvement with human subjects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this submission. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A. Papaioannou