Author's response to reviews

Title: Association between anemia and falls in community-dwelling older people: cross-sectional results from the KORA-Age study

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Dear Editor,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 1595581802116755

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Association between anemia and falls in community-dwelling older people: cross-sectional results from the KORA-Age study”.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our paper. As suggested, we now also added the age-stratified analysis. In the following you can find our response to your comments. The changes made in the manuscript are highlighted in red font. Furthermore, the manuscript was formatted according to the journal style.

We hope that the revision in the manuscript and our accompanying response will be sufficient to make our manuscript now suitable for publication in BMC Geriatrics.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Kathrin Thaler-Kall
Response to the comments of the Editor

Dear Editor, thank you very much for the review of our manuscript. We made changes to the manuscript as suggested, which did to our opinion really improve the manuscript.

"Depending on the response to Dr. Hunkyung Kim's comment, I also suggest analyzing the data in men and women for those between 65~74 and those >75 years old instead of examining all participants >65 years old. If there was no interaction between anemia and age by age-stratified analysis, result would be crucial to understand that relationship."

Response:
As suggested by the Editor, we now added the age-stratified analyses in addition to the sex-stratified analyses (see Table 3 and Results section, the changes are highlighted in red font). Also, the following paragraph was added to the methods section:
“We also stratified all models by age groups. The group of “young-old” included participants aged 65 to 74 years; the group of the “old-old” included all participants aged 75 years and older.”