Author's response to reviews

Title: Perceived economic situation but not educational level is associated with disability prevalence in the Spanish elderly

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Dear Editor,

Thank you very much for your comments on our manuscript. We answer them point-by-point:

"I would suggest that the authors: (1) drop Tables 2 to 4. I agree with the authors that such information is useful. However, it would distract readers if the authors use three tables to present distributions about education and financial status. The authors may consider combining these tables with Table 1 if the authors do want to present them. The authors may also use these data when they interpret their multivariate results in discussion if needed. In any case, the corresponding presentation from Tables 2-4 in Results should be dropped or shortened."

We have dropped Tables 2 to 4 and add some parts of them to Table 1. We have introduced a sentence in the discussion about the relationship found between subjective economic variables and income. The related text in the results section has been reduced.

" (2) refine Figures 2a and 2b. The label for x is unclear in 2b. I would suggest the authors also to list categories for age 65 for men and women (change man to men and woman to women). I assume that Figures 2a and 2b are estimated from multivariate models. If so, the authors need to state that in the figure (say, add a note to Figures 2a and 2b)."

We have improved label for x, included probabilities for individuals 65 years old and added "multivariate" to the titles of the figures. The inclusion of the new calculated probabilities has required minor changes in the text of the results sections.

" (3) change "Primary studies" to primary school", "secondary studies" to "secondary school", or the like."

The asked change has been made.

Yours sincerely,

The authors