Author's response to reviews

Title: Risk factors of functional disability among community-dwelling elderly people by household in Japan: a prospective cohort study

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Dear Dr. Giulia Mangiameli,

Re: Manuscript reference No. 1546350917105827

Please find attached the revised version of our manuscript “Risk factors of functional disability among community-dwelling elderly people by household in Japan: a prospective cohort study”, which we would like to resubmit for publication as a research article in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Your additional editorial comments were helpful and enabled us to improve the quality of our manuscript. In the attached document, we present our point-by-point responses to the comments raised.

We have indicated revisions in the text using yellow highlight for additions. In accordance with the editorial suggestions, we have made minor revisions to the text. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in *BMC Geriatrics*.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Responses to the comments of Editor’s advice

We are sincerely grateful to the editor for those comments.

1. Page 5, lines 5-7: This trend is expected to continue, and the number of spouse-only and single-person households is estimated to increase to approximately 6.33 and 7.30 million, respectively.
Comment: Please specify these figures up to which year?

Response: We have revised that sentence as indicated below. We have provided a new reference for that—no. 3. With the previous version, we failed to notice that references no. 5 and 37 were identical. The number of reference is thus unchanged since we have added one reference and deleted the duplicated reference.

Revised version: page 5, lines 5–7
This trend is expected to continue, and the number of spouse-only and single-person households is estimated to increase to approximately 6.33 and 7.30 million in 2030 [3], respectively.

As noted above, we have deleted reference no. 37 owing to the duplication.

The revised version shows the corrected reference number: page 16, lines 8–10
Murayama et al. [6] reported that functional and cognitive conditions were associated with household composition, especially among elderly people living alone.