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Dear sir:

We enclose a copy of the manuscript entitled “Functional assessment of older patients in the emergency room: comparison between standard instruments, medical records and physicians’ perceptions”, for consideration by *BMC geriatrics* for publication as an Original Research.

In this manuscript we have found evidence that elderly subjects’ functional status is not properly assessed by emergency department physicians. However, mention of two or more basic activities of daily living on the emergency department medical record is associated with physicians having far better knowledge of their patients’ functional status.

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We look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfully,

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