Author’s response to reviews

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Dr John Kerr
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Dear Dr Kerr,

As requested in your message of October 31st 2007, we are submitting a revised version of our manuscript (5233319471167623) for publication in *BMC Geriatrics*. In this letter, we respond to the concerns of referee 3.

- **Word usage and grammar, presentation of numbers and tables:** all requested revisions have been done.
- **Validity and reliability of the FAST:** We acknowledge this issue as a limitation of the study in the discussion (p. 16).
- **Effect size of 0.4:** In the revised manuscript (p. 8), we indicate that this is halfway between medium (0.30) and large (0.50) effect size conventions for $r$ proposed by Cohen (1988).

We hope that this response and the revised version of the manuscript are satisfactory. We look forward to the publication of our manuscript in *BMC Geriatrics*.

Sincerely,

Philippe Landreville, Ph.D.