Dear Editors

Thank you for your 3 March e-mail and the excellent news that our paper will shortly be published. We hope that we have dealt with all the points raised.

You request that only the final version of the paper and the figures be up-loaded so we are attaching to this e-mail the final version with the revisions tracked, should you wish to check that these are correct. These revisions also include the slight change to one section of the statistical methods suggested by Referee 2 in her final report, already sent to Dr Lolu da Silva on 22 February: removing a phrase and adding a sentence to the end of the first paragraph on page 8.

Changes as follows:

Header - removed throughout

Title page - initial E added to Fiona Matthews
- funding details removed (already in acknowledgements at end)
- abbreviated title removed

Abstract - keywords removed (also from on-line Manuscript Details page)
- word count removed (already not on Manuscript Details page)

Page 5, Methods, para 1 - web address removed, added reference to ref list

Page 8, para 1, line 5 - deleted at Referee 2's suggestion:
, adjusting for the potential clustering of falls within individuals
- added at Referee 2's suggestion:
. In all these regressions robust methods were used to calculate conservative confidence intervals.

Page 15, para 2, line 2 - removed duplicate reference to reference 4
Page 22 - Author contributions changed to Authors’ contributions
- ../authors have seen the final version of the manuscript.
changed to
../all authors have read and approved the final version of the manuscript.

Page 23, Acknowledgements - web address removed, added reference to ref list

Figures - removed note saying attached separately
- font changed to Arial for Figure 3 legend

Tables - duplicate titles removed

We are also now providing the 4 figures in pdf instead of Word format, cropped to only a minimal border and sized to fit the dimensions in your instructions, with their titles and legends in the main document immediately after the reference list, before the 2 tables. Do let us know if there appear to be any problems with any of these.

Best wishes,
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