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Dear Dr Nikka Portodo

Please find summary of the change of our manuscript:

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As down below

Major Compulsory Revisions:
None.

Minor Essential Revisions:
1. Authors have carefully changed the word “non-case” to “cognitively normal elderly” in the Statistical analysis section, in the Abstract and body of the text.
2. In the Results section of the Abstract, the authors have added the unit of the mean body weight as kg as being suggested.
3. The NPI-Q assesses 13 symptoms. This has been rewritten as being noted.

4. In the Results section, correlation coefficients (r) are now reported as fractions of integers.

5. In the first paragraph of the Discussion section, authors have changed the statement, starting with “only gait and balance and triglycerides were significantly associated with activities of daily living after adjusting for the other variables” and followed by stating that "other variables that were significant before adjustment and fell out of the final model" as being suggested.

6. In Figure 1, authors have changed the “controls group” to “cognitively normal elderly” as being suggested.

Discretionary Revisions: None

Quality of written English: Language corrections have been done by English speaker as suggested.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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