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We are sending our changes on an item-by-item basis in the revised version of our manuscript.

Please structure your abstract according to the following guidelines: This should not exceed 350 words and should be structured into separate sections headed Background, Methods/Design, Discussion (if appropriate).

We revised the abstract according to the guidelines as Background, Methods, Discussion with 168 words (not exceed 350 words)

Although you have addressed sample size by stating this was on the basis of a power analysis, please provide this power calculation within the methods section of your manuscript.

We revised the part of sample size calculation as below:

(P6L4-L9) We assumed that the prevalence of major geriatric disease such as dementia would be 10-13% in the elderly Korean [11,12]. We wish to determine this prevalence to within about 1%, that is have a confidence interval of width 2% with 95% confidence, the number of subjects required is approximately 3000 [13].

We feel that your manuscript would be better suited to the scope of another of our journals, BMC Geriatrics

We are very grateful that you recommend the better another BMC journal. However, our affiliations prefer BMC neurology to other journals, many of evaluation tools are neurological focus and this study was performed mainly by department of Neurology, Korea University. We would be very happy to have our manuscript reviewed and considered again for publication in the BMC neurology.

One more, we changed and revised the reference about ‘Neuropsychological examination’
The motor domain was assessed by the Contrasting Program test, the Go-No-Go test, the Fist-Edge-Palm test, the Alternating Hand Movement test, the Alternating Square and Triangle test, and the Luria loop test [31].


Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if you have any queries.

Sincerely Yours,

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