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Title: Frailty index of deficit accumulation and falls: data from the Global Longitudinal Study of Osteoporosis in Women (GLOW) Hamilton cohort

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Dear Dr. Tuan Nguyen,

Re: MS: 1114343941120921 entitled ‘Frailty index of deficit accumulation and falls: data from the Global Longitudinal Study of Osteoporosis in Women (GLOW) Hamilton cohort’

Thank you for your email dated May 14, 2014 with the review’s comments on our paper. In this cover letter, we have provided a point-by-point response below to the concerns raised by the reviewer. We hope we have adequately addressed all the comments, and that the paper is now in an acceptable form. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jonathan D. Adachi
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Reviewer’s comments:

Please ensure that the names of the 17 sites which were involved in this study and provided ethical approval is supplied in the manuscript. This can also be included as an appendix.

Response: Thanks for your concerns about the ethical approval.

However, this study only used data in the Hamilton site, Canada (Page 5, Line 95-97). The other 16 sites were not involved in this study.

For the GLOW Hamilton cohort, we attached the certificates of ethical approval from the Western Institutional Review Board (WIRB), regarding the participant recruitment (baseline survey at Year 1), Year 2 and Year 3 follow-up. The number of this study registered with the WIRB was 1086226.