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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 21, 2014 with the editorial 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:

(1) We would be grateful if you could please clarify in the manuscript that only 1 of the 17 sites were included in the study, much like the explanation which you have supplied in the point-by-point.

Response: Thanks so much for your suggestion.

We have added the explanation in the ‘Methods’ section to clarify the data source (Page 5, Line 95-97).

(2) Please also ensure that the ethical approval forms are removed from the additional files section as these are sensitive documentation. Anything uploaded in the additional files section will be published along with the manuscript.

Response: Thank you for your advice.

As suggested, we removed the ethical approval forms from the ‘Additional file’ section.