Reviewer's report

**Title:** Modifiable risk factors for falling and their associations with visiting the Accident & Emergency Department after a fall

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**Reviewer:** Irene Vikman

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Recommendation: Minor essential revisions

Comments:
Thank you for your work in this important area.

1. **Is the question posed by the authors well defined?**
   
   Background: second paragraph: the statement in this paragraph has no references.

2. **Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
   
   The method has to be clarified, it seems that the design is case-control where the case is persons visiting the A&E department and control older persons with a fall history without visiting A& E department. In Result second paragraph, the persons visiting A&E department is named control.
   
   The instrument CIT is appropriate for the study; however the paragraph about the instrument has to be extended. What are the responses? Give example of what question the dimension patient-characteristics consist of and the dimension possible causes of the fall.
   
   The paragraph Statistical analyses should be extended with information about how the numbers of risk factors were calculated.

3. **Are the data sound?**
   
   Yes

4. **Does the manuscript adhere to relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?**
   
   In the section Results, second paragraph can be removed to the method section.

5. **Are the discussion and conclusion well balanced and adequately supported by the data?**
   
   Yes.

6. **Are limitations of the work clearly stated?**
   
   Yes.
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
Yes.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes.

Minor issues not for publication: The reference list number 22 and 23 have to be checked up.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interest below