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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I apologise to Authors and Editors for my slow response. Usual excuses. I find the analysis to be adequate and the conclusions to be robust. However, if I were a co-author, I would......

1. ...conclude the introduction with a good original hypothesis. The objective, being to simply 'to determine', is incorrect as they have applied statistical tests to different the groups.

2. ....present the VAS-fear of falling index (bottom of table 1) with an exact p value, not p<0.03.

3. ....list factors on table 3 is order of OR

With n>500 cases, I wonder if the authors have considered a predictive score than inputs the 6 indices in table 3 into an equation. That might tell us of the global score of an individual. They could then validate it with the control group. Just a thought.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'