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Dear editors,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to re-submit our revised manuscript "Distribution but not amount of protein intake is associated with frailty: A cross-sectional investigation in the region of Nürnberg" to the Nutrition Journal.

We thank the reviewers very much for their valuable remarks and changed the manuscript accordingly as indicated in red below.

**Reviewer's report**

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**Reviewer:** Sara Espinoza

**Reviewer's report:**

The manuscript has been improved. Still recommend editorial review prior to publication for edits to grammar and sentence structure, especially the use of commas for proper emphasis.

For example, in the abstract, 2nd sentence should be changed. Currently it states, "Besides the amount of protein its distribution over the day is discussed to affect protein anabolism." This should be changed to, "Besides the amount of protein, its distribution over the day is thought to affect protein anabolism."

We are glad to hear that the last revision has already improved the manuscript. In the recent revision we had a native speaker looking over the paper in regard of sentence structure and the use of commas. Along with a number of other corrections, the 2nd sentence of the abstract was changed a suggested.

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

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We hope you will consider this revised paper suitable for publication in your journal and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Bollwein on behalf of all authors