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Re: The Impact of Waist Circumference on Function and Physical Activity in Older Adults: Longitudinal Observational Data from the Osteoarthritis Initiative

Dear Dr. Nagathihalli:

Attached, you will find our re-submitted manuscript titled, “The Impact of Waist Circumference on Function and Physical Activity in Older Adults: Longitudinal Observational Data from the Osteoarthritis Initiative,” authored by John A. Batsis, Alicia Zbehlik, Laura K. Barre, Todd A. Mackenzie, Stephen J. Bartels.

First, I would like to thank you and the editorial team for acknowledging my email dated July 15th, 2014 and your response. We have incorporated all the suggested changes and rationale from that email into the manuscript as suggested and trust that this meets the standards of the journal.

Neither the entire paper nor any part of its content has been published or been accepted by another journal. The paper is not under consideration elsewhere. All listed authors had full access to all the data in the study, take responsibility for the integrity of the data and the accuracy of the data analysis, and had authority over manuscript preparation, the decision to submit the manuscript for publication, and approved its current contents. All authors meet the criteria for authorship stated in the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals. There are no conflicts of interest pertaining to this study. The Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects at Dartmouth has approved this study. If accepted, the manuscript will not be published elsewhere in the same form, in English, or in any other language, without the written consent of the Nutrition Society.

Please note that parts of these results were presented in abstract form at the 2013 American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting in Grapevine, Texas. Our institution, Dartmouth College, has an open access publication policy that has assured the authors the publication charges will be covered.

We thank the editors for the opportunity to make additional corrections to improve the quality of the manuscript. Should you have any queries regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me at john.batsis@gmail.com for any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,