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Title: Early life adversity and C-reactive protein in diverse populations of older adults: a cross-sectional analysis from the International Mobility in Aging Study (IMIAS)

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Dr. Stefano Volpato
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Dear Dr. Volpato,

I am pleased to resubmit our revised manuscript, “Early life adversity and C-reactive protein in diverse populations of older adults: a cross-sectional analysis from the International Mobility in Aging Study (IMIAS)”, to BMC Geriatrics.

There were 4 incomplete points in the article according to the STROBE guidelines:

1-The dates of recruitment and data collection

Answer: This was added to the Methods section. “Baseline field work was conducted during 2012. The period of data collection was from February to June in Kingston, Saint-Hyacinthe, Manizales and Natal and from September to December in Tirana.”
2-Describe any efforts to address potential sources of bias

Answer: This was added to the Methods section. “We conducted two pilot studies in Quebec and in Manizales and Natal to test for feasibility to validate measurement tools in French, Spanish and Portuguese”. We cited the recently published paper on the study objectives, methodology and preliminary results (Zunzunegui et al 2015).

3-Explain how the study size was arrived at:

Answer: This was added to the Methods section. “Since the IMIAS study looks at disability mobility differences in gender and sites, comparison of baseline mobility disability prevalence in men and women guided the sample size calculation at each site. It assumed a prevalence ratio of 1.8, power of 0.80 and error type I of 0.05.”

4-The role of the funders for the present study and, if applicable, for the original study on which the present article is based

Answer: In the Acknowledgements section, we specified: “Our funder has no conflict of interests with IMIAS and the present study.”

Best regards,

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