Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Can resources moderate the impact of levels of frailty on adverse outcomes among (pre-) frail older people? A longitudinal study.

**Reviewer:** Simon Conroy

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Overall well conducted and reported study.

I am not sure that there is a great deal of difference conceptually between the Rockwood and the Tilburg FI - most frailty researchers would point to one or other of Fried and Rockwood as exemplifying the different world views. I think the use of the Fred in a community study is fine and the introduction could be made much briefer without needing to feel overly defensive.

**Methods**

The lack of follow up data on nursing home resident - likely to be amongst the most frail, is a bit of a worry.

Do we know how reliable self-reported hospital admission might be in this cohort - key is differentiating emergency department attendance from admissions?

The findings are a little counter-intuitive and I wonder how much of that might be related to outcome ascertainment bias (i.e. not following up people in nursing homes)?

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No

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