Author’s response to reviews

Title: Falls efficacy, postural balance, and risk for falls in older adults with falls-related emergency department visits: prospective cohort study

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Prof Ian Cameron
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Dear Prof Cameron,

RE: BGTC-D-16-00361 - "Falls efficacy, postural balance, and risk for falls in older adults with falls-related emergency department visits: prospective cohort study"

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise our submitted manuscript. Please see the following reviewers’ comments and our responses and actions taken.
Kind regards

Dr Pua Yong Hao

Respond to Fernando Gomez (Reviewer 2):

We have done a thorough check on the references.

In the revised manuscript, the Introduction section, page 3 now reads as follows:

“Conversely, while high falls efficacy is generally thought to be protective against falls, fall risk may be heightened among older adults with high falls efficacy but poor postural balance – a subgroup of "over-confident" older adults that has been largely neglected in previous falls studies [10-12].”

In the revised manuscript, the Methods section, page 4 now reads as follows:

“The current investigation was performed as a substudy of the Steps to Avoid Falls in Elderly (SAFE) trial (ClinicalTrials.gov NCT01713543) [13], a multicenter randomized trial that compared a home-based, customised programme versus the provision of an education booklet.”

In the revised manuscript, the Discussion section, page 9 now reads as follows:

“Nevertheless, we acknowledge that a deeper investigation of our findings would require additional information on physical activity levels and risk-taking behaviour [12], and future work should explore this.”
References:
