Reviewer's report

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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A definition of falls efficacy was added in introduction section.

Falls risk is not considered by the number of incident falls over a 6-month period. In outcome paragraph in methods section is clearly this definition.

This is the mean outcome of this study and results should be controlled by risk factors evaluated mentioned in covariates paragraph in methods section too.

Methods section is OK.

Minimum changes were made in discussion section. These don't permit to clarify results of this well done study.

More explanations about pathways how interact fear of falling and postural balance to origin falls, independently of other risk factors.

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