Author’s response to reviews

Title: Blood pressure change does not associate with Center of Pressure movement after postural transition in geriatric outpatients

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Dear Aimee Cummings,

See below our response and revisions.

1. We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:

http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0106808

This overlap mainly exists in your methods section

While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.

We agree there is overlap with the study of Pasma et al. due to the fact that the same cohort and protocol was used. To further emphasize the uniqueness of the present study, we adapted parts of the methods section.
Changes to manuscript

Methods, page 6, paragraph 1: This subgroup is part of a bigger cohort, which was described in detail earlier [20].

Methods, page 6, paragraph 1: The institutional review board of the Leiden University Medical Center (Committee Medical Ethics (CME), Leiden, the Netherlands) reviewed and approved the study.

Methods, page 9, paragraph 2: Mean and standard deviation (SD) are used to present continuous variables with a Gaussian distribution.

Please re-phrase these sections to minimize overlap.

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We adapted the headings in the manuscript accordingly.

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We adapted the headings in the abstract accordingly.

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We added the email addresses for all authors on the title page.

5. In your “ethical approval and consent to participate” section please state the name of the ethics committee that waived the need for informed consent, and please state if the records used in this study were anonymized prior to the study commencing

The name of the ethics committee is the “Medical Ethics Committee of Leiden University Medical Center”. We adapted this in the manuscript. We added a sentence to clarify that records were anonymized prior to the start of the study.

Changes to manuscript

Declarations, page 18, paragraph 1: The study was reviewed and approved by the Medical Ethics Committee of Leiden University Medical Center.
6. Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

We used full initials to represent authors in the Authors’ Contributions section.

7. We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of GB as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Contribution to acquisition of data alone, does not usually justify authorship.

GB also contributed to the critical revision of the manuscript and has given final approval for publication. We adapted the Authors’ Contributions accordingly.

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We added the list of abbreviations in a paragraph in the declarations section.
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