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Title: Overweight or obese BMI is associated with earlier, but not later survival after common acute illnesses

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Aimee Cummings
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Dear Dr. Cummings:

Please accept our revised manuscript “Obesity is associated with earlier, but not later survival after common acute illnesses” (BGTC-D-17-00326R2) by Hallie Prescott and Virginia Chang for reconsideration for publication as an original research article in BMC Geriatrics.

We have made the requested changes to the manuscript:

• Moved declarations (Ethics approval and consent to participate; Consent to publish; Availability of data and materials; Competing interests; Funding; Authors' Contributions; Acknowledgements) to after the conclusions section.

• Changed headings to “Background, Methods, Results, Discussion, Conclusions”

• Added an “Additional files” section (after references/figure legends) listing the Online Supplement

Please note, all patients provided either written or verbal informed consent for enrollment into the Health and Retirement Study (HRS). More recently, HRS has done written consent for all participants, but in earlier years of the study, either written or verbal consent was obtained.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this manuscript, and look forward to hearing back from you.
Sincerely,

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