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We thank the reviewers and editors for their helpful comments. We have proofread the paper and added the minor corrections as requested below.

Reviewer 1:

Na Ling
1. Theoretical background of resilience currently focuses on childhood studies. To make the concept more relevant to the current study, authors may show how resilience has been studied in gerontology/geriatrics literature.

   • We have clarified what has been done in terms of resilience at older ages, p. 9.

2. The authors need to explain in the method section how the linear trend in the logistic regression models (tables 2a-2h) was generated.

   • This explanation was added to pp. 13-14.

Reviewer 2:

Angela Ghesquiere

3. The authors have addressed all of my substantial concerns. Thank you.

Reviewer 3:

Tom Kingstone

4. I would like to thank the authors for having made changes to the original submission and for responding to previous remarks. The manuscript is much improved; really interesting work. Great job.

5. There does however remain a few references to 'elders' as opposed to older people, which you may wish to rectify for consistency.

   • We have run a ‘search and find’ for the term ‘elders’ to replace it, but only identified the term in titles of already published papers, in our reference list.