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Dear Professors Tovah Honor Aronin & Kee-Lee Chou:

My co-authors and I are writing to submit this manuscript for consideration in BMC Geriatrics. This submission is a study protocol for a funded project (part of the Ageing Well National Science Challenge funded by the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment [NZ]). The project has received ethics approval as well.
We are writing to respond to the request for additional information from the initial review. The documents supporting ethics and funding have been submitted to bmcgeriatr@biomedcentral.com as requested. Further, the project underwent peer-review by the funding body and evidence of that review can be provided upon request. We have also revised the heading in the abstract to conform to journal style and the consent to participate statement.

We certify that the manuscript is not under consideration at any other outlet and also that we have all approved the manuscript. The manuscript has 5,257 words (main manuscript only) and includes 1 table and 1 figure.

Thanks for your consideration of this manuscript.

Kind regards,

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