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Dear Editor:

We wish to re-submit the manuscript titled “Improvements in lower-limb muscle strength and foot pressure distribution with foot care in frail elderly adults: a randomized controlled trial from Japan.” The manuscript ID is BGTC-D-18-00292.
We are grateful for your comments and useful suggestions, which have helped us improve our paper. We have incorporated all your comments into the revised version of our paper. The responses to all comments have been prepared and given below.

I look forward to working with you and the reviewers to move this manuscript closer to publication in BMC Geriatrics.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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