Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence and determinants of frailty in the absence of disability among older population: A cross sectional study from rural communities in Nepal

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Dear editor,

I would like to thank you very much to you and reviewers for valuable remarks that leads to improvement in quality of our work to scientific communities. We authors have tried every best to address your remarks as possible.

Looking forward to having your support as always.
Warm regards,

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Editor remarks

Author response

BMC Geriatrics prefers term 'older adult(s)' to 'elderly' or 'elder' and we kindly suggest that you change this usage in your manuscript, as also suggested by the reviewer.

Thanks much and we have replaced elder by older adults throughout the paper.

Authors are still using the term depression instead of depressive symptoms (abstract- line 70, line 222)

We have corrected

The term "elder" should be also deleted (line 108, 197)

Have corrected

Authors should include some bibliography justifying the relationship between social factors (such as family relationship) and frailty (this aspect is not covered in the introduction section).

Thanks much, we missed to include. We have updated in the revised version (103-104)

It should be helpful if authors include the sentence about the assessment of memory concentration problems in the Methods section.

Yes, you are correct and have included in the methods (154-155)

The way of collecting data about alcohol, smoking or physical activity is not too methodological. This aspect should be considered in the Limitations section.

Included in the revised version (268-269)