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We are very glad about the conditional acceptance by BMC Geriatrics, and have carefully revised the manuscript (BGTC-D-19-00037-R2). The major revisions made in the revised manuscript were listed as follows:

1. Language editing: We have invited a collaborator from the US to help us copyedit the paper.
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6. Figures/tables: We cited Figure 3 in text.

We wish to thank you again for all the insightful comments. We now feel the manuscript is sharper and much improved as a result. We trust that the revised manuscript is suitable for publication.