Author’s response to reviews

Title: Correlation between the Charlson comorbidity index and skeletal muscle mass/physical performance in hospitalized older people potentially suffering from sarcopenia

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Dear Editor:

Thank you for your letter and for the comments of editor and reviewers concerning our manuscript entitled “Correlation between the Charlson comorbidity index and skeletal muscle mass/physical performance in hospitalized older people suffering from sarcopenia possibly” (BGTC-D-19-00560R2). Those comments are all valuable and very helpful for revising and improving our paper. We revised the paper according to the comments of editor. The main corrections in the paper and the responds to the comments are as follows:

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   1. The European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People (EWGSOP) published a sarcopenia definition in 2010.
      Change to: In 2010, a sarcopenia definition was published by the European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People (EWGSOP).
   2. When low muscle strength, low muscle quantity/quality and low physical performance are all detected, sarcopenia is considered severe.
      Change to: Sarcopenia is deemed to be severe in case of low muscle strength, low muscle quantity/quality and low physical performance.
   3. The datasets used and/or analyzed during the current study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request.
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Response to the comment: We have revised our manuscript according to the editor comments.