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Title: Factors Associated with Maintenance of Antibody Responses to Influenza Vaccine in Older, Community-Dwelling Adults

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to re-submit our manuscript titled, “Factors Associated with Maintenance of Antibody Responses to Influenza Vaccine in Older, Community-Dwelling Adults” by H. Keipp Talbot, Laura Coleman, Yuwei Zhu, Sarah Spencer, Mark Thompson, Po-Yung Cheng, Maria E. Sundaram, Edward A Belongia, and Marie R Griffin. During this submission we have added page numbers and line numbers to the manuscripts.

We feel this manuscript explores the serologic immune response in older adults with a special focus on duration of response. This is an area that much data is needed as we have begun to immunize older adults earlier each year. This manuscript highlights that duration of serologic protection is heavily depended on pre-immunization immune responses.

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Sincerely,

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