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1. It has come to our attention that within your manuscript there is some text overlap with other publications, particularly:

Page 4 of discussion, lines 1-4:


Please rephrase these sections in your own words to avoid direct overlap.

Answer: We have rewritten the sentences as follows:

One quantitative review showed that in people older than 75 years, muscle mass decreased at a rate of 0.8%-0.98% per year in males and 0.64%-0.70% per year in females[31]. In addition, muscle strength was also lost faster in males than in females, which decreased at a rate of 3%-4% per year in males and 2.5%-3% per year in females[31]. (Page 4 of discussion, lines 1-5)

IGF-1 is one of the common factors regulating muscle growth and repair. The IGF-1 level does not change with aging in females aged 65 years. Nevertheless, IGF-1 showed age-related decrease in elderly males, especially in those aged 85 years[32]. (Page 4 of discussion, lines 7-10)

2. Please remove the consent form from the Ethics and consent to participate section, as this section should only include a written statement from the authors.

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