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Thank you for preparing this manuscript. This bring up a interesting clinical question.

The method and result were well reported in this paper. Together with some limitations of this paper were discussed.

However, one of the major limitation of this study that we can reach to the conclusion will be the pre-morbid status of the subjects. The exclusion criteria only include neurological problem and muscle/joint pain. However, many other co-morbidity could affect the physical performance that were tested here, eg heart failure, respiratory problem, lung function or even having flu etc. I wonder if all these factors were taken account in the analysis. These are majors factors that affect one's physical performance and should not be missed out.

Overall, the urinary incontinence and pelvic organ proalpse were only self reported symptoms from all subjects. I would not agree on the title that 'Urinary incontinence, symptomatic pelvic organ prolapse and physical performance in middle-aged women from Northeast Brazil', instead it should only be 'symptoms of urinary incontinence and pelvic organ prolapse' because they were not confirmed by any clinical examination. And the same changes should apply in the content of the manuscript.

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