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Title: Decreased risk of falls in patients attending music sessions on an acute geriatric ward: results from a retrospective cohort study

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Thank you for your comments. Please find the explanations regarding the modifications which were made:

1. Please revise your Ethics statement to confirm all participates provided voluntary, written consent to participate in your study.

This research project was a retrospective analysis. The patients therefore had already voluntarily participated (or not participated) in the music listening sessions. For this reason, no written consent to participate in this study was obtained.

2. Based on your manuscript being considered a clinical trial, ICMJE guidelines require BioMed Central to request your study be registered. The ICMJE uses the World Health Organization (WHO) definition of a clinical trial, which is "any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes".

This study was retrospectively registered: Clinical trial registry: ClinicalTrials.gov. Registered number: NCT03348657 (November 17th, 2017).