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Title: Evaluating Frailty in Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Clients: a Feasibility and Comparison Study between the SHARE-FI and SPPB

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Dear Dr. Thabane,

Thank you very much for the comments from the reviewer. We have addressed the issues as outlined below. We thank you for these suggestions as they have strengthened our manuscript.

Reviewer reports:

There are still some glaring omissions that need to be addressed:

1) The statement of the aims that reads "...the aim of this study was to determine the feasibility of..." should read "...the primary aim of this study was to determine the feasibility of...".

We have made this addition of the primary aim to line 134.

2) The Kappa estimates of agreement should also include 95% CIs.
We hope the reviewer could direct us to where the 95% CIs are missing. The 95% CIs are listed in line 249, 256, 261.

3) There is no description of the justification of the sample size.

In line 150, we describe that this was a convenience sample based on individuals currently enrolled in an ongoing exercise trial.

4) Consider stating the software used for analyses.

We have added this text to line 206: “We used SPSS Version 25 for analysis”

5) Although this is not a randomized study, consider using the CONSORT extension to pilot trials instead of the STROBE and where applicable, indicate the page number where each item has been reported.

We thank the reviewer for this suggestion and have included the CONSORT extension and have indicated the page numbers where each item has been reported.

Thank you,

Margaret Danilovich