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Introduction: Accidents causing falls in the elderly population are a challenge, not only because they represent the fifth cause of death above 65 years [**Kindly cite the reference and Location (country)**], but also because of comorbidities [1, 2] chronic pain [1], resulting in temporary and permanent disabilities, with adverse effects on functionality, constituting a significant contributory factor for dependence in this age group, and increasing costs with medical expenditures [**Kindly cite the reference**]

“Physical space and the very presence of employees make the environment different from the household and “they” may become increased risks in themselves [7].” **Phrase needs improvement and mention whom they wish to quote while referring “They.”**

“Among all the focuses of attention, for the health area in general and for nursing in particular, falls have been a calamity for which a solution is urgently needed, as it is the milestone that prevents the long-awaited active aging combined to quality of life.

Research at the international level has identified risk factors and fall prevention measures for the elderly living in long term institutions, but the evidence is less significant than that for the community-dwelling elderly...”

The phrase above is in agreement with the phrase below from the article “A fall prevention guideline for older adults living in long-term care facilities.” *Int Nurs Rev* 2014; 61(4): 525

“Approximately 23–42% of falls occur among older adults residing at home (Caterino et al. 2009; Leung et al. 2010); this is compared with 6–22% among older adults dwelling in nursing homes (Heinze et al. 2007; Jakovljevic 2009) and 3–16% among older adult inpatients (Heinze et al. 2007; Rabadi et al. 2008).”

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I believe this phrase should be in introduction (instead of conclusions) to stress how important is the study that your group is presenting.

I have read this submission. I believe that I have an appropriate level of expertise to confirm that it is of an acceptable scientific standard, however I have significant reservations, as outlined above.