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Topic Editor

Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience - A Hand at Work: The Effects of Aging

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Dear Dr. Cole (Kelly),

Included, please find the Original Article entitled “*TBD*.” In it, we explore the mapping between well-known outcome measures and latent domains of hand function in older adults aging, including some with osteoarthritis of the carpomatecarpal joint of the thumb. We believe that the ability to quantify and describe these functional domains plays a central role in quantifying age-related losses in hand function. By emphasizing compatibility with the ICF, we believe this will help understand and optimize treatments for orthopedic and neurological conditions that affect hand function in aging populations.

We sincerely hope you will consider sending this work for review by the most prominent experts in the field of hand function. We would recommend as reviewers the following four leaders and critical evaluators in this field:

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Very sincerely yours,

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