

# Author's response

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## **1 Response to Editor**

Dear Professor Shek,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a revised draft. I list below in inline format my brief responses to reviewers' comments and attach at the end tracked changes that show precisely the additions and deletions.

Best,  
Author

## 2 Response to Reviewer #1

The aim of this study is relevant and the dataset can provide an answer.

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In my view, the wrong variable is selected as the dependent; that is the CASP scale. The substantive meaning of this measure is unclear

CASP is a relatively standard measure when evaluating elderly wellbeing, its been used widely (CITE) and it has desirable properties (CITE), and we elaborate on its substantive meaning TODO

and several of its items are so close to the independent variable that they produce autocorrelation. Some examples are; - volunteers are more likely to feel that 'life has meaning' and to feel 'full of energy' - pensioners are more likely to feel that they are 'left out of things' and that 'age prevents me to do the things I like to do'

Yes, it is a good point. TODO: rethink: either drop these IVs or use lifests and CASP just as robustness check or argue that it is fine, eg one point is that CASP is an index not just very close to these 2 items

The authors better use the life-satisfaction item, which is mentioned in the online appendix, but not used in the analysis

TODO: definitely move it to the body i think! it was like that at the beginning i think!

### 3 Response to Reviewer #2

**4    Tracked Text Changes**

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