

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the Letter to the Editor by Dr AA. Zulfiqar re our publication “Multidimensional Short Tools to Assess Frailty: a Narrative Review” (Ann Ig. 2022 Mar 18. doi: 10.7416/ai.2022.2516. Online ahead of print)

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Abstract

We appreciate that Dr. Zulfiqar showed us that they had already demonstrated the validity and reliability of his ZFS scale. Still, it is evident that, in our paper, we could not take it for granted because all the articles they quote have been published after we handed out ours to the Managing Editor of Ann Ig.

Dear Editor,

We read with interest the letter of Dr Abrar-Ahmad Zulfiqar *et al* (1) regarding our narrative review on the multidimensional short tools proposed to assess frailty (2): with his letter he has been so kind to offer us firsthand information about his most recent contributions that confirm validity and reliability of the ZFS scale, that have been published between September 3 2021 and March 27 2022 (3-6). In our contribution - as explained in the “Methods” chapter - we have included all the papers from the literature we could find on PubMed with a research spanning between April and June 2021. The manuscript was submitted to Ann Ig (ISSN 1120-9135) on August 18, it was accepted February 19, 2022 and e-published March 18, 2022 (2). Consequently, we could not include all Dr Zulfiqar’s papers published from 3 September 2021 onwards, but we had obviously not forgotten his basic paper (7), published April 13, 2021. In conclusion, with his letter, Dr Zulfiqar reminds us his subsequent papers, which, of course, we will be happy to consider in our future reviews, together with the contributions of every other author, ourselves included.

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