

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS	Responses
Reviewer 1	
<p>Dear authors, I only have one comment on your manuscript: In Discussion, you should comprehensively suggest possible avenues for further research related to IGF-I and GH in delirium in acutely ill medical inpatients. Best regards The reviewer</p>	<p>We would like to thank both reviewers for their constructive, positive and encouraging comments.</p> <p>In this revised manuscript we have added both suggestions for further research and implications of this study towards the end of the discussion (in the subheading “Limitations of the study” and in a new subheading “Implications of the study”).</p>
Reviewer 2	
<p>The author investigated the association between the onset of delirium and serum IGF-I as well as GH. The results suggest low level of IGF-I is associated with delirium. In the method section I have no flaws to be corrected as a clinical observational study. The statistical analyses are promptly conducted. It would be better if the author could present clinical implication and usefulness of the outcome of this study. In this sense, I expect the author to make further research in this theme.</p>	<p>All of them have been highlighted in yellow.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>