Reviewer's report

Title: Designing a complex intervention for dementia case management in primary care

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
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Minor Essential Revisions:
1. The authors describe the process in a very detailed way which makes it transparent to others. However, the paper of Möhler et al. which proposes criteria for the report of complex interventions (1) may be helpful to the authors. This may facilitate reaching the aim of transparency.

2. It might also be beneficial to the reader’s understanding to provide a figure of the whole process (PREVENT → WP1: part of the manuscript → WP2: a planned feasibility study → cRX ?)

3. P4. References 18, 19: The publication by Trisha Greenhalgh (2) may be better because of its focus on the health care system.

4. The colleagues who have been responsible for the PREVENT model have adapted it to the ABC medical home model (3). This should be discussed in a short section of the discussion.

Discretionary Revisions:
5. P.4 “Feasibility and testing are important parts of interventions to change clinical services.” This sentence is superfluous.

6. P.5 “This gave the group the chance to read through, digest the materials and prepare their suggestions for the next meeting in order to ensure the full meeting was used for discussion about the materials.” Banal, could be removed.

7. P6 “It was not possible to identify a person with dementia to join the group and only one family carer was recruited.” Please shift this statement to the result or the limitation section of the discussion.

8. P6 “Nominal groups are a potentially powerful learning and development tool [23] which have a particularly useful role in analysing health care problems [24], and can help bridge the gap between researchers and practitioners [25].”

9. Table 3: please use bullet points

References:


**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

No conflict of interests.