Author's response to reviews

Title: Persons with dementia lost in the community: Is it wandering or something unique?

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Thank you for the excellent reviews of our manuscript. We have addressed each concern and indicated our response below. The suggested changes have led to a clearer and more comprehensive manuscript.

Reviewer Hugo Lovheim:
1. Weakness of the manuscript is the method itself: The limitations of the methodology of reviewing newspaper reports is acknowledged in the manuscript research using reports directly from caregivers of PWD is planned.
2. “wandering” and “getting lost” are not confused clinically: the term has been changed to missing events.
3. Several statements in the introduction are not referenced: these statements now have references
4. Trademarks should not be mentioned in the text: these references have been deleted.

Reviewer Louise Robinson:
1. Summary: this has been clarified and references added.
2. Background: references on proportion of PWD getting lost have been added and a statement on consequences and of lost events on PWD and caregivers has been added.
3. Final paragraph: conceptual differences of wandering and getting lost have been clarified and expanded.
4. Results: very young was changed to younger.
5. Discussion: Importance of conceptual differences between wandering and lost events was added in a paragraph.

Reviewer: Jan Dewing
1. Discuss types of dementia in this research: information added that it was not able to be discerned in most cases due to the research method.
2. Assumption that what is happening in the US is the norm: these references are clarified.

3. Clarify whether programs to find PWD who are lost are effective: a reference has been added regarding the effectiveness of programs in reducing the time needed to find lost PWD.

4. Source of local newspapers: information and clarification on which states were included in the study was added.

5. Trails B test: information on this test was added.

6. Background: references added, a statement is included that there is no internationally accepted definition of wandering, and it is acknowledged that behaviorally based description of wandering are an American concept.

7. Define getting lost: a definition of the concept “getting lost” has been added.

8. A statement was added that the overall body of research is both recent and small.

9. Write out state abbreviations: all abbreviations have been deleted and replaces with full names of states.

10. It is now specified that time is chronological

11. The term normal has been replaced with usual

12. The phrase “while sleeping” has been clarified to reflect night time sleeping events.

**General comments:**

1. The manuscript should be copy edited to improve the written style of English: The manuscript has been edited.