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Dear Ms. Neilan:

RE: MS: 4046258775487766
Reducing Depression in Older Home Care Clients: Design of a Prospective Study of a Nurse-Led Interprofessional Mental Health Promotion Intervention

Thank you for your letter inviting us to publish our manuscript to BMC Geriatrics.

As per your request, we have made the following formatting changes to our manuscript:

1. The list of authors in the manuscript are written exactly as they are in the submission system, both in style and order. The author’s titles were removed and the full list of author affiliations was placed at the end of the article.

2. The references were rechecked to ensure that are cited in numerical order in the text, and up to 30 author names are listed for each citation. A functioning link was provided for the websites in reference #23 and #77.

3. The shaded text in the tables was bolded and the visible vertical lines were removed.

4. The subheading "Methods" was changed to "Methods/Design" in the abstract.
5. Figure 2 was reduced to a single page and the title and figure numbers and vertical lines were removed from the figure files. The figures were also cropped to minimize white space around the image.

6. The manuscript was checked for any typographical errors and a few minor corrections were made.

We trust that we have adequately addressed the changes that you requested. Thank you very much for the opportunity to publish our study protocol in BMC Geriatrics.

Yours sincerely,

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