Author’s response to reviews

Title: Hope and Connection: The Experience of Family Caregivers of Persons with Dementia Living in a Long Term Care Facility

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Dear Editor,
Thank you for your clarification of the revisions needed to our manuscript entitled: Hope and connection: The experience of Family Caregivers of Persons with Dementia Living in a Long Term Care Facility.
We have made changes to the manuscript using track changes.
1. When first referring to the ‘interpretive description methodological approach’, please include some further details on what it consists of, which are the essential components and design of this approach.
We have added sentences to describe further the methodological approach as well as explaining why it is considered an approach rather than a design. In reading this request, we realized that it is possible the term “approach” that is confusing, instead of the term “design”.
2. Please incorporate a subsection in the ‘Conclusions’ in which you address the practice implications of your results. We would not ask you to create an new section, but to include these implications under one subsection title. It is more a matter of reorganizing points that are already included in the ‘Conclusions’ (i.e. the impact for policy makers) and further expanding on the practical impact of these findings on the hope experience and well-being of caregivers.
We have created a subsection in the conclusion section to address practice implications and have further expanded the suggestions. As well we have added a sentence addressing the practical impact on these findings on the hope experience and well-being of caregivers.
We hope that with addressing these suggested revisions, that the manuscript will be ready for publication.

Sincerely
Wendy Duggleby