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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript

The effects of dementia care mapping on nursing home residents' quality of life and staff attitudes. Design of the quasi-experimental study Leben-QD II

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which we want to resubmit for publication in BMC Geriatrics.

All your questions concerning or first manuscript submission are answered below:

• The Leben-QD II study is external funded and has an ethical approval. With the revised manuscript we have submitted a certificate about the external funding and the ethical approval on this email.

• Currently there is no other manuscript under submission based on this study protocol. We are planning probably two manuscripts regarding the results of the Leben-QD II study, but currently we have to close our data collections.

• After your email we have registered the Leben-QD II study in the clinical trials
register of Current controlled trials. Our trial registration number is: ISRCTN43916381. Furthermore we have included the trial registration number in the abstract of the revised manuscript.

• Under the competing interest section we have updated our information regarding your questions.

• All persons who contributed towards the article by making substantial contributions to conception, design, acquisition of data, or analysis and interpretation of data, or who was involved in drafting the manuscript or revising it critically for important intellectual content fulfilled the criteria for authorship (based on the uniform requirements of the ICMJE).

• All changes in the manuscript are highlighted with red letters.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely,

Margareta Halek on behalf of all co-authors