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Editor-in-Chief, *BMC Geriatrics*

Dear Editor-in-Chief;

I, along with my coauthors, would appreciate the consideration of the attached manuscript entitled “Cognitive intervention through a training program for picture-book reading in community-dwelling older adults: a randomized controlled trial” for publication in the *BMC Geriatrics* as a Research Article.

Non-pharmacological interventions for preventing cognitive decline are important strategies for overcoming such a rapidly aging society. In this study, we conducted a randomized controlled trial to explore the effectiveness of a cognitive intervention through a training program for picture-book reading in community-dwelling older adults. Reading picture books aloud to people encompasses high intellectual activity. The intervention effect was seen in verbal memory. For MCI participants, the intervention effects were clearly seen in memory and executive function. These findings suggest that this program contributed to prevent the decline of cognitive function.

This is the first investigation of cognitive intervention through a training program for picture-book reading in community-dwelling older adults. The editorial team of *BMC public health* advised us that the manuscript suited for the *BMC Geriatrics*. We believe that the findings of this study are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.
This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety, and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review boards. All the authors have approved the manuscript and agree with submission to your esteemed journal. The authors declare that no competing interests exist.

Thank you very much for your consideration.
We are looking forward to your reply.

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