Dear Editor of the BMC Neurology

I would like to submit our study titled “The Dementia and Disability Project (DDP) in Thai elderly: Rational, Design, Methodology and early results” to the BMC Neurology Journal. The Mahidol University has subscribed the BMC Neurology to our library. The DDP is the first study of the community dwelling elderly in Thailand to look at the relationship of the cognitive function, activity of daily living function, magnetic resonance imaging of the brain to look at white matter lesions in Thai population, and medical comorbidity. We found in our initial results that almost 40% of community dwelling Thai elders have moderate to severe white matter lesions and found treatment gap of DM and hypertension on our cohort of 37% and 55% accordingly. The potential vascular and dementia risk factor is the main hope for dementia prevention. The data offer utmost important scientific clinical information which is relevant to Asian and Thai population in term of common chronic diseases and public health issue.

Additionally, after the pre-review comment, we add more information regarding the ethics committee and written consent of the participant in the methodology section. The scanned EC approval is submitted together with this cover letter. At the end of the manuscript, authors declare that we have no competing interests with this study.

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worldwide journal. Look forward to hearing from you.
Kind regards
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