Author's response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of dementia and Alzheimer's disease in elders of nursing homes and a senior center of Durango City, Mexico.

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Dear Editor,

Please find the final version of our manuscript attached. It has been modified according to the reviewers' comments. In addition, please find below our response to each of the reviewers' comments on a point-by-point basis.

We thank you and all the reviewers for all the comments that helped us improve our manuscript for publication in BMC Psychiatry.

Yours truly,

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RESPONSE TO THE REVIEWERS' COMMENTS.

Reviewer: Manabu Ikeda.

1. Use of MMSE without clinical assessment or caregiver's interview in phase I. As mentioned in the Methods section of the manuscript, we used the MMSE because it has proven to be an efficient, widely accepted instrument for the screening and assessment of cognitive impairment in the elderly. Clinical assessment was performed in phase II as widely accepted. In addition, as stated in the same Methods section, in a few cases, information from informants was used in phase I.
2. Indeed, we did not find any demented subject in the senior center group. We can not consider such a group as the supernormal group. We think that they are just normal subjects with respect to their cognitive status, they may have some illnesses but not dementia.

Reviewer: Peter Rabins.

We have added in the Abstract that the prevalence of dementia in residents of nursing homes found in our study is much lower than reported from more industrialized countries.