Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Legal rights of client councils and their role in policy of long-term care organisations in the Netherlands

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**Reviewer:** Mattanja Triemstra

**Reviewer’s report:**

The authors adequately responded to my previous comments and I have only a few suggestions for the final revision.

Minor Essential Revisions:

**BACKGROUND:**
- The abbreviation "WMCZ" should be in capitals (first paragraph on p. 3);
- "In more specific, ..." (second paragraph on p.3) is no correct English (change into "More specifically" or just delete?)

**METHODS:**
- second paragraph (p. 4), 5th line: delete 's' after 'client council'

**REFERENCES:**
- check references 11 (use "health" instead of "healht") and 12 (delete "In.")

Discretionary Revisions:

**ABSTRACT and DISCUSSION:**
- The conclusion "Client councils are very passive" is somewhat harsh or even blunt. I think this phrase needs to be more specific. For example: "Client councils play a (rather) passive role in determining the policy on quality of care." or "Client councils tend to have a passive role..."

**BACKGROUND:**
- use "clients themselves" instead of "'real' clients"?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests