Author's response to reviews

Title: The experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse family caregivers in utilising dementia services in Australia

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Cover letter

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Dear editor:

The article entitled “The experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse family caregivers in utilising dementia services in Australia”, reports an original study funded by Flinders University in Australia. This manuscript is a revision of a previous submission (MS: 1750674183105944). We really appreciate the review report from Prof. Manthorpe. We have made changes to address each point of comments in the report. We have enclosed the ‘Response to Reviewers’ in the cover letter.

This study identified issues pertinent to delivering dementia services from the perspectives of caregivers of people with dementia from culturally and linguistically diverse groups. Those issues are current and affect the utilisation of dementia services in Australia. Those issues are also relevant to countries that possess government funded dementia services and have culturally and linguistically diverse populations. We believe the dissemination of our study by the journal of BMC Health Services Research will make those issues public and inform policy-makers and service providers to improve dementia services.

This work has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. The first author (Dr. Xiao) designed the research, developed study conception, collected, analysed and interpreted data, and developed the manuscript. The second author (Dr. De Bellis) co-designed this research, developed study conception, collected, analysed and interpreted data, and made significant changes for the manuscript. The third author (Mrs Habel) and the forth author (Ms Kyriazopoulos) helped data collection and critiqued the manuscript.

We really appreciate your support during the review and look forward to hearing from you.

Your sincerely,

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Response to Professor Jill Manthorpe’s comments

Note: Our responses to the reviewers are in “italic”.

1. Add year of study to abstract.

   We have added the year of study in the Abstract as listed in the following:
Data collection was conducted over a six month period in 2011. (please see abstract and page 2)

2. Replace the term 'loved ones' by relative (the other is very emotionally loaded and may not allow for the rich pattern of family relationships). We accepted the suggestion have replaced the term 'loved ones' by 'relatives'. (see page 11)

3. Another proof read would help eg page 26 America not American. We have done another proofreading and have corrected words as listed in the following:
   3.1. Replaced the word of ‘cross-organization’ with ‘cross-organisation’. (see page 5)
   3.2. Replaced the word of ‘American’ with ‘America’ (see page 26).
   3.3. Replaced the word of ‘a main cultural group’ with ‘the majority cultural group’ throughout the manuscript.
   3.4. Replaced the word of ‘socialize’ with ‘socialise’ throughout the manuscript.
   3.5. Replaced the word of ‘marginalized’ with ‘marginalised’ throughout the manuscript.
   3.6. Replaced the word of ‘migrant’ with ‘immigrant’ throughout the manuscript.