Author’s response to reviews

Title: The needs of people with dementia living at home from user, caregiver and professional perspectives: a cross-sectional survey

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Dear Editor,

Many thanks for forwarding the referee’s comments for our manuscript “The needs of people with dementia living at home from user, caregiver and professional perspectives: a cross-sectional survey” (MS:1550776711654946) We wish to submit a revised version of the manuscript.

We have made the changes requested by the reviewer as follows:

**Major Compulsory Revisions**

1) *Using an unpublished study is not appropriate.*

The unpublished study carried out in Chile has now been published. It has been removed from the discussion and it has been used as a reference into the introduction.

2) *The authors need to be clear regarding what the discussion section is trying to convey and identify other literature that refutes or confirms the findings of this study.*

We performed an updated search on the literature about the needs of people with dementia. As a result, in addition to the references already included after the first round of comments given by the reviewer, we added three new references:


3) *Also, some of the references to other work currently in the discussion would be better placed in the introduction.*

We have moved the following references to the introduction:

Covarrubias F, Madrid M, Tapia T, Vásquez K. *Necesidades de personas con demencia y su relación con factores sociales, personales y del cuidador informal principal.* Bachelor Thesis. Universidad de Valparaiso, School of Psychology; 2012.

Minor essential revisions

1) The manuscript has been edited to improve use of English, but I do suggest that this is done once more as a few errors remain.

The manuscript has been edited by Edanz (english editing service).

2) The explanation of the measure needs to go before the section on data analysis.

The description of the measure has been moved before the section on data analysis (page 7).

3) Some of the explanation of socio demographic profile of participants could now be removed from the text as it has been tabulated.

Some of the text of the socio demographic characteristics has been deleted (page 9).

Discretionary revisions

1) I still recommend a fuller review of the literature in the introduction.

As mentioned above, we have moved some references into the introduction and also added some new ones.

We are grateful to the reviewer for her helpful comments. We hope that the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Health and Services Research.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Claudia Miranda-Castillo.