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Title: Strategies to facilitate implementation and sustainability of large system transformations: A case study of a national program for improving quality of care for elderly people

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Response to the reviewers comments:

We have had the manuscript checked to improve the language and grammar. Hopefully this has improved the text!

Reviewer 1

Thank you very much for providing good comments on how to improve our paper! We have added two table (tables 2 and 3) describing the figures for the two indicators for Coordinated care from 2012-2013 (no large changes on national level) and the indicators used for Pharmacological treatment that were aggregated from municipal level. We have also added some details in the text regarding the Pharmacological treatment indicators.

More details on the regional development will be presented in an on-going multiple case study following three regions (with different characteristics). This study will be presented in an future article and in Helena Strehlenert’s doctoral thesis.

We also agree that it would be interesting to compare regional improvement efforts with international cases and look forward to future possibilities to do so. Hopefully the added information will provide some information for interested readers involved in such studies. More detailed information than presented in this study can then be used (depending on the purpose of such study), as we chose here to focus on strategies of national actors to facilitate implementaton of LST. There is much more that can be said and written about the still on-going BeLife initiative.

Reviewer 2

Thank you very much for giving good suggestions on how to improve our paper! We have added a figure trying to present an overarching map over the Be-Life
initiative.

We have also added a list of abbreviations that we hope will aid the readers of the article. We hope that the additional information on outcomes in the new tables will add some interesting information.

Yours Sincerely,

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