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In conformance with your request we made a point-by-point description of the changes made in the article:

- Reference 19: now reference 20, name publisher is added
- Reference 20: now reference 21, city of publisher is added
- Reference 23: now reference 24, publisher is added
- Reference 27: now reference 28, volume/issue/page numbers are added
- Reference 34: now reference 35, publication type is changed into a thesis
- Reference 43: now reference 44, city of publisher is added
- Reference 44: now reference 45, publication type is changed into a thesis
- Reference 48: now reference 17, citation is added to the text on page 6
- Box 1 – is changed into Table 1 and the referral to box 1 within the manuscript is changed into Table 1 (page 5 and 6, text is highlighted).
- Tables: the numbering of the tables is changed (because box 1 became table 1)
  - Table 1: is changed into Table 2 on page 7 and page 22 (text is highlighted)
  - Table 2: is changed into Table 3 on page 7 (two times) and page 23 (text is highlighted)
- The text of the tables is without tabs text and vertical lines are removed.
- Figure title: is removed from the image file. The title of Figure 1 is added to the manuscript.
- Figure cropping: the figure is cropped as closely as possible
- Concept 18 January 2009: is removed from every page
- Qualifications of the authors: are removed
- Methods: section is changed into ‘Methods/Design’ on page 3 and page 6 (text is highlighted)
• Page 9 outcome measure pressure ulcers: added additional information about the registration of the incidence of pressure ulcers (text is highlighted)
• Page 12 the first sentence is changed (text is highlighted)

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of all co-authors,

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