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This is an interesting paper, which reports insights into the field of dementia disclosure research. Before proceeding with the publication process some small amendments need to be done:

1. Spelling errors need to be corrected.

2. abstract: <Background> The number of dementia patients in Japan (Please rephrase this sentence).

3. ...standardized in a published guideline in Japan (3), (Please add in Japan).


5. culture differ from those of Europe and the Americas . (Reference?).

6. Participants and interview procedures (Could you please explain items 7 and 8 of COREQ list?).

7. ...addressed primary care physicians’ goals in managing multimorbid dementia patients; (Multimorbid patients with dementia?).

8. The institutional review board of the home institution of the investigators in Japan approved this research. (Date and no?).
9. As illustrated in Table 1, a total of 24 primary care physicians... (How are female participants distributed?).

10. ...while six (25%) worked in hospital settings. (This is primary care setting?).

11. decision-making

12. communication-based

13. ...environment as a reason FOR not disclosing the ...

14. ...family members for a clear diagnosis ARE usually stronger than in ...

15. ...to always include family members... (always to include).

16. ...the degree patients understand provided information...

17. Also, the majority of the dementia patients that they care for have Alzheimer's dementia. (appropriate verb is missing; reference?).

18. Please check uniformity of references.

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