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Title: Evidence of what works to support and sustain care at home for people with dementia: a literature review

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We are pleased to submit for your consideration a version of our manuscript which has been further revised in line with Editors suggestions as detailed in email dated 12 February 2015. In particular, we have:

1. Made changes to the text to ensure that our manuscript reporting adheres to PRISMA guidelines as far as possible and included a completed PRISMA checklist as an additional file. We would like to note that, according to http://www.prisma-statement.org/ the PRISMA statement ‘focused on randomized trials’ and was considered by its authors to be useful as ‘a basis for reporting systematic reviews of other types of research, particularly evaluations of interventions’. It was not designed for either the subject matter of our study or our novel inclusive approach to including and assessing evidence base. As a result, we have indicated ‘Not applicable’ to a number of items in the checklist. In addition, our title does not identify the work as a ‘systematic review’ (Item 1 on the PRISMA checklist) because we were specifically requested by reviewers and editors to remove references to ‘systematic review’ from our text. Accordingly, we have explained this in our PRISMA checklist.

2. We have removed the previous Figure 1 and replaced it with a completed copy of the PRISMA flowchart for our study as suggested.

3. We have renamed the ‘Findings’ section as suggested to ‘Results’.