Author's response to reviews

Title: Detecting dementia in patients with normal neuropsychological screening by test of smell and palmomental reflex: an observational study

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Dear Editor in Chief

We are pleased to submit our manuscript entitled “Detecting dementia in patients with normal neuropsychological screening by test of smell and palmomental reflex” for consideration as an original article in *BMC Geriatrics*.

The study aims to evaluate diagnostic ability to detect dementia by two simple and short clinical tests in patients whose Mini-Mental state examination and Clock drawing test are normal, but show signs of cognitive dysfunction.

We found an interesting benefit if both of these tests are abnormal. This is a red flag to investigate these patients further, even though their negative neuropsychological screening results.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Sven Streit