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Title: A qualitative examination of policy and structural factors driving care workers’ adverse experiences in long-term residential care facilities for older adults in Cape Town

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Dear Editor of BMC Geriatrics,

I am re-submitting a manuscript for consideration of publication in the BMC Geriatrics journal. The manuscript is entitled “qualitative examination of the policy and structural context driving caregiving experiences of care workers in long-term residential care facilities for older adults in Cape Town” (BGTC-D-18-00590).

We have gone through your comments and addressed them. Below is a detailed list of all comments addressed, starting with your comments.

Editor’s Comments

• Regarding authors’ affiliations and email addresses we have included these on the title page (line 6-11).
• The Findings section has been re-named Results (line 144)

• Declarations subtitled added (line 379).

• Authors’ names have been presented using their full initials, in the Authors’ Contributions section (line 380-386).

• We have clarified that the funding body did not play any role in the design of the study and collection, analysis, and interpretation of data and in writing the manuscript (line 401 - 403).

• We have included a completed COREQ checklist as an additional file, and all relevant items on the COREQ checklist have been addressed in the manuscript.

Reviewer 1

• The Reviewer suggested we include in the Discussion how the public perceive who the nurse is, and the legal implications of unregistered personnel undertaking nurses’ role. We addressed this suggestion in the results section as well as discussion section. Please refer to line 164 to 173, and 313-321 respectively.

• Suggested that we add new literature on work roles in LTC. New literature on conflicting roles in LTC has been added including the South African context. Please refer to line 43 to 56.

Reviewer 2

• In terms of the participants’ years of experience we have clarified the range. Refer to paragraph line. Refer to line 126-127.

• The Reviewer suggested we widen CWs roles and responsibility in the literature review. We felt that the literature on work roles in LTC covers the range of duties CWs undertake, which is complex as there is task shifting between social care and nursing tasks. Please refer to line paragraph. Please see line 43-56.

• Promotion opportunities in care work in South Africa have been described considering the Reviewer’s comments. Please refer to paragraph line 64-65.

Please see attached a completed COREQ Checklist form for your perusal. Please let us know if you need further information.

Thank you very much for your consideration.
Yours Sincerely,

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