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Title: First Insights on Value-Based Healthcare of Elders Using ICHOM Older Person Standard Set Reporting

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Dear Editor and reviewers,

Many thanks for the excellent comments of BMC Geriatrics to our manuscript. These comments are of great help to improve the completeness of our manuscript. We provide point-to-point responses to all comments of reviewers. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any further information is needed.

Best Wishes,

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PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:
GENERAL COMMENTS:
The authors are commended for their responsiveness to each one of this reviewer's suggestions. An opportunity remains to further improve the manuscript with relatively modest edits to improve clarity. Once these modest edits are addressed, the manuscript will be ready for the next step in the process for seeking publication.
Response: Many thanks for your comments.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
The manuscript clarity has improved as a result of the authors' efforts. However at this stage further improvement is needed and would require relatively little effort as outlined herein:
Page 4 line 4 please consider changing "severity" to "burden" (as we do not necessarily know severity of disease but burden of disease was measured).
Response: We have revised the term as suggestion. (Page 4, Line 4)

Page 4 line 9 please consider changing "chronic disease" to "chronic disease burden"
Response: We have revised the term as suggestion. (Page 4, Line 9)

Page 6 line 7 please consider changing "provider" to "providers"
Response: We have revised the word as suggestion. (Page 6, Line 7)

Page 6 lines 8-10 please consider changing "Since the ICHOM Standard Set Older Person was published in 2018, little research on its practical application has been published: who most needs comprehensive assessments to evaluate and address complex care-needs?" to "Since the ICHOM Standard Set Older Person was published in 2018, important questions remain. For example, which patient subgroups require comprehensive assessments to evaluate their needs?"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 6, Line 8-10)

Page 6 lines 11-13 please consider changing "Hence, this study investigated which factors and outcome metrics were most important in achieving high-value health status among older multimorbid community-dwelling adults". To "This study explored the application of the ICHOM Standard Set for Older Persons health status among older multi-morbid community-dwelling adults in Taiwan".
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 6, Line 11-13)

Page 7 line 11 please provide the rationale for inclusion of the ICHOM items employed in this study (for example, what criteria was used to include or exclude from the larger ICHOM measure set)
Response: Absent valid Taiwanese versions of 4-item screening Zarit Burden interview- measured carer burden- and the Adult Social Care Outcomes Toolkit -measured autonomy and control-
mitigated their application in this study. Mortality was excluded because of present baseline data. (Page7 line12-15)

Page 9 line 7 (two places in same line) please consider changing "severity" to "burden"
Response: We have revised the words as suggestion. (Page 9, Line9)

Page 10 line 7 please consider changing "Minorities of participants had chosen" to "A minority of participants had chosen"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 10, Line10)

Page 10 line 8 please consider changing "but more than 90% had a high level" to "but more than 90% reported a high level"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 10, Line11)

Page 10 line 16 please do not reference the Supplementary tables in the body of the manuscript (which needs to stand on its own without the benefit of the optional Supplementary tables).
Response: We have moved the supplementary tables to main text as table 2. (Page 10 line 18)

Page 11 line 5 please consider changing "severity" to "burden"
Response: We have revised the words as suggestion. (Page 11, Line 8)

Page 11 line 15 please consider changing "severity" to "burden"
Response: We have revised the words as suggestion. (Page 11, Line18)

Page 12 line 11 please consider changing "and expected to be treated with dignity and respect" to "and expect to be treated with dignity and respect"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 12, Line14)

Page 13 line 7 please consider changing "social inclusion were key components" to "social inclusion are key components"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 13, Line9)

Page 14 lines 2-3 please consider changing "For example, there was not a Chinese version of 4-item screening Zarit Burden interview, which we could not involve this measurement in the study". To "For example, a Chinese version of the 4-item screening Zarit Burden interview was not available at the time this study commenced".
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 14, Line4-5)

Page 14 lines 3-4 please consider changing "Complexity and burdensome of assessments" to "Complexity and burden of assessments"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 14, Line5)

Page 14 line 5 please consider changing "Taiwan or other countries, Akpan et al. argued that free tools and cover of many outcomes" to "Taiwan or other countries, Akpan et al. argued that free tools that encompass multiple outcomes"
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 14, Line 7)
Page 14 line 10 please consider deleting "although these people were followed for 12 months"
Response: The sentence has been deleted as suggestion. (Page 14, Line12)

Page 14 line 13 please consider changing "Extrapolation of our study results to other populations may need certain validation". To "Extrapolation of our study results to other populations may need further validation".
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 14, Line15)

Page 15 line 2 please consider changing "patient focused goals" to "whole person care goals" to be congruent with changes made earlier in the manuscript.
Response: We have revised the sentence as suggestion. (Page 15, Line 2)