Author’s response to reviews

Title: Variation between nursing homes in drug use and in drug-related problems

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise the manuscript and to resubmit it to BMC Geriatrics. We have addressed all the comments and we hope that the paper can be accepted for publication. On behalf of all authors,

Your sincerely,

Amura Fog

Point-by-point response to the comments received:

Editor Comments:

1. We note the text box is not labelled or cited properly in the manuscript. Please ensure that all figures, tables and additional-supplementary files are cited within the text.

Response: We changed the text: “The panel then agreed upon and classified the DRPs into categories according to a national consensus classification system shown in textbox [25].” into (page 6, line 119):

“The panel then agreed upon and classified the DRPs into categories according to a national consensus classification system [25] shown in textbox 1.”

We also numbered the textbox (page 19, line 472).

2. Please remove all tracked changes and upload your manuscript as a single, final, clean version that does not contain any tracked changes, comments, highlights, strikethroughs or text in different colours.

Response: we have uploaded a clean version.

Reviewer 2 comment: I believe the authors have revised the manuscript in accordance with the given comments. I think there is a small error, in the result section, when they report range p. 8 L. 161. Which could easily be changed. Otherwise, no comments.

Response: We agree that presenting the range is confusing.

We changed the text: “The age distribution was comparable across the NHs (mean age per NH was 85.9 years, range 61.3 – 90.0 years), except for two institutions especially designed for younger people with dementia (mean age 61.3 and 68.4 years, respectively)
“The age distribution was comparable across the NHs, except for two institutions especially designed for younger people with dementia (mean age 61.3 and 68.4 years, respectively).”