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This study aimed to investigate older persons' attitudes of the impact of UI & FI on preferences for institutional care using case vignettes

Introduction
The authors note rightly that UI & FI have been identified as factors in precipitating the institutionalisation of older people, but these data are conflicting - the study of Holroyd-leduc, found no such association when other functional impairments and comorbid conditions were controlled for - the authors might like to note the current inconsistency.

This section is otherwise well written and sets the context well. The research question is clear.

Methods
The first paragraph contains some sample results as well as method - usually the numbers would be reported as results

I note that no mention was made of FI in the self report

I am not expert enough to make detailed comment on the analyses.

Results
Clearly written. The sample appears quite robust and relatively able. The tables are clear and the figure most helpful in judging the magnitude of change between decisions on placement according to vignette

There is a minor typo in this section

Discussion
The authors should probably say something about limitations of their method in terms of abstract decisions. The differences between the opinions of those without incontinence, and those with incontinence are worthy of discussion - suggesting that normalization, living with the condition and managing it ceases to become relevant as opposed to conjectural future incontinence
The discussion is otherwise pertinent and opens up avenues for further investigation - particularly around choices with regard to supportive housing.

The strengths and limitations are acknowledged - there may also be a limitation given the difference between the gathering of the data and its analysis.

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