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Natalie Pafitis
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Dear Editor,

We are submitting a revised version of the "Family caregiver mistreatment of the elderly. Prevalence of risk and associated factors in a Spanish population" (PUBH-D-17-01029R1). This revised version of the paper incorporates the Editorial comments and Reviewer reports.

Thank you for considering our revised version of the manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the co-authors

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Point-by-point response

Editorial comments:

1. Please format your Abstract into four sections: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions.

We have modified the abstract into four sections (Abstract section, lines 29, 36, 44, 52, page 2).

2. Please upload a clean version of the manuscript without tracked changes.

We have uploaded a clean version of the manuscript without tracked changes.

3. Could you please clarify in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section if consent was written or oral.

We have clarified that the consent to participate was written (Declarations section, line 347, page 13).

4. In the Declarations please include a Consent to publish. This should contain a "Not applicable" statement.

We have added a Consent to publish statement (not applicable) (Declarations section, line 348, page 13).

5. After the References please include a title and/or legend for the additional file.

We have added the title for the additional file (Appendix I: Caregivers’ perception of aggressive behavior in the care recipient questionnaire; line 485-6, page 18).

6. Please remove the covering letter and the point-by-point response from the supplemental files.
We have removed the covering letter and the point-by-point response from the supplemental files.

Editorial Policies

For the 'Availability of data and materials' section, please provide information about where the data supporting your findings can be found.

We have deposited the dataset in a publicly available repository and have changed the statement to “The dataset supporting the conclusions of this article is available in the Open Science Framework repository [https://osf.io/7whqe/]” (Declarations section, line 349-50, page 13).

Reviewer reports:

Mark Yaffe (Reviewer 1):

I have 2 small edits to suggest:

1) For lines 156-157 it should state that the questionnaire is found in Appendix 1.

We have stated that the questionnaire is found in Appendix I (Methods section, line 156, page 6).

2) For lines 266-267 there should be a comma after the word "total"

We have added a comma after the word “total” (Discussion section, line 265, page 10).