Author’s response to reviews

Title: Action research study on advance care planning for residents and their families in the long term care facility

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Dear Dr. Maria Zalm:

Re: Document reference No. PCAR-D-19-00138 - [EMID:340ce54bcefc5c85]

Please find attached a revised version of our document “Action research study on advance care planning for residents and their families in the long-term care facility”. We would like to resubmit for publication as an original article in BMC Palliative Care.

Your comments and those of the reviewers were highly insightful and enabled us to improve the quality of our document. In the following pages are our responses to each comment from the reviewer(s) as well as your own comments.

Revisions in the text are shown yellow highlights. We hope that our revisions to the document combined with our accompanying responses will be sufficient to render our document suitable for publication in BMC Palliative Care.
We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely,

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Responses to the comments of Editor: Dr. Maria Zalm

1) Please undertake a final edit of the manuscript. Please note general rules pertaining to when number are spelt out or written in numericals (note, however, always spelt when first word in a sentence). (1) Please also comply with correct use of hyphen throughout the text. (2)

Response:
(1) First, the authors apologize for failing to identify and correct all errors present in the manuscript. We are very grateful to the editor and have made the necessary revisions. Please refer to page 14 (lines 255, 256), and page 30 (line 560) of the manuscript.

(2) We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. The content has been revised accordingly. Please see page 3 (line 54), page 4 (lines 69, 72, 74), page 5 (line 85), page 9 (lines 154, 155), page 12 (lines 212, 224), page 15 (line 281), page 21 (line 392), page 26 (line 488), page 27 (lines 496, 507, 508, 510), page 28 (lines 514, 519, 525–528), and page 29 (lines 532-533) of the manuscript.
We have ensured that the manuscript has undergone a final edit. Thank you again for the insightful comments and suggestions.

2) In the abstract, please use colons between heading and the text under that heading.

Response: We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. The content has been revised accordingly. Please see page 2 (lines 34–37) of the manuscript.

3) In the abstract, please correct the sentence regarding the audio recording of the data. It could only be the meetings and the interviews were audio recorded? (Not the field notes or reflection log).

Response: We thank the editor for this suggestion, which has been helpful for improving the manuscript. The content has been revised accordingly. Please see page 2 (lines 32–34) of the manuscript.