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 R2

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.

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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