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Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to revise the above-cited manuscript. We appreciate the thoughtful your comments, which have added much value to the current revised version.
In this cover letter we have listed a point-by-point response to each editorial point. We also have made sure that the revised version conforms to the journal style. All changes to the manuscript are done in the text.

By resubmitting this manuscript, we confirm that all author details on the revised version are correct, that all authors have agreed to authorship and order of authorship for this manuscript and that all authors have the appropriate permissions and rights to the reported data.

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Technical Comments:

Editor Comments:

1. Please proof read the paper to ensure there are no grammatical errors (i.e., careers on p.6 instead of carers/caregivers).

Response: We edited, and proofread the last version of the manuscript. The word “caregivers” was written instead of “careers” across the manuscript.

2. Be consistent in the tense you use in the method section (i.e., p. 7 - "To build rapport with the participants, the interviewers (SZ) initiated the interview with small talks that are [should be were] engaging and make the participants feel comfortable, respected, and feeling that the interviewer thinks along the same lines as them")

Response: The word “interviewer” was written instead of “interviewers”. Also revised “are” to “were”. Please see Methods, Data Collection, Line 4.

3. Be consistent in the term you use for carers/caregivers throughout.

Response: We only have used caregiver across the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer.
4. On p.6 you mention "We used convenient purposive sampling, and a nonprobability method used when researchers seek participants with specific characteristics that set them apart from others" - please provide examples of specific characteristics you were seeking (i.e., husband/wives, daughters/sons)

Response: We included (i.e., husband/wives, daughters/sons/granddaughters/grandsons) in the sentence since we were looking for informal caregivers with specific characteristics. Please see: Methods, Study Design, Setting, and Recruitment, Line 7-8.

5. You recruited carers who were a minimum age of 23 - is there a reason why you chose this specific age? Or did you recruit any adult (i.e., over the age of 18) who had at least 6 months experience of being a carer?

Response: We recruited caregivers who were 18 years and older, who had at least 6 months experience of being a caregiver. The youngest participant in our study was 23 years old. Please see Methods, Study Design, Setting, and Recruitment, Line 12.