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Title: The Journey with Dementia from the Perspective of Bereaved Family Caregivers: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

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Dear Dr. Cornacchia,

Please accept the revised manuscript entitled: The Journey with Dementia from the Perspective of Bereaved Family Caregivers: A Qualitative Descriptive Study for consideration in the journal BMC Nursing. The title of the originally submitted manuscript (i.e., Using qualitative description to reveal the journey with dementia: From the perspective of bereaved family caregivers) has been revised as it did not indicate the study design at the end of the title. The other change to the revised manuscript is the addition of the title page to the main document; in my original submission I inadvertently uploaded a blinded version (i.e., one without the title page/author’s names) of the manuscript. Please accept my apologies for the confusion.

This manuscript contributes new knowledge as few studies exist that examine the dementia caregiving journey in its entirety (most often it is a focus on one part of the journey, e.g., diagnosis or transition to long-term care), nor is the perspective of bereaved caregivers readily sought (perhaps because their journey is considered complete) in the research literature. We could find no qualitative research that describes the overall dementia caregiving journey from the perspective of bereaved caregivers. Thus, this work is essential to adding to the current literature regarding the overall dementia caregiving experience as it incorporates the unique perspective of bereaved caregivers and fits with intent/aims of the journal.

My co-authors and I have no competing interests to declare related to this work. This manuscript has not been published elsewhere and is not currently under review by another peer-reviewed journal. If you have any questions of me you may reach me at shelley.peacock@usask.ca or (306) 966 7375. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

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