Reviewer’s report

Title: Organisational and environmental characteristics of residential aged care units providing highly person-centred care: a cross sectional study

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Reviewer: Christine Brown

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Thank you for the opportunity of reviewing this interesting paper. Understanding the factors that contribute towards person centred dementia care is a valuable addition to the field. This study is strengthened by the use of a standardized measure of person centred care alongside other questionnaires. Further information about the validity of the questionnaires used would have strengthened this paper. Another strength of this study was the engagement of the nursing homes in data collection - further information on how this was achieved would be of interest to others wishing to undertake large scale cross sectional studies in other countries. The discussion clearly identifies how the results support previous studies that have investigated person centred care in organizations. The limitations of the study are outlined and the recommendations follow on from the discussion. Overall this paper provides helpful insights into the range of factors contributing to person centred care that are within the control of organizations providing dementia care.

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