Reviewer’s report

Title: Informal caregivers of clients with neurological conditions: profiles, patterns and risk factors for distress from a Home Care prevalence study

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Reviewer: Carys Jones

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This paper was well written and I only have very minor comments to make:

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Methods- Data Sources- Paragraph 6: Please clarify whether the aggressive variable was derived from carer proxy-report, self-report or observational data.
2. Discussion- Paragraph 3: Please insert citations to support the sentence that this study supported the findings of previous studies. The background section is very well referenced so a few citations from there would be relevant.
3. Table 4: Please report the constant value (if it was included in the model) and the odds ratios for the non-significant variables as they still contribute to the model despite not being significant.

Discretionary Revisions
4. Limitations- Paragraph 1: It is stated that interactions between characteristics were not examined, a sentence on why this was not done would be useful (presumably due to the number of variables).
5. Table 1: Percentages would be helpful, although not essential.
6. Tables 2 and 3: Please amend ‘Average’ to Mean.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests