Reviewer’s report

Title: An integrated primary care approach for frail community-dwelling older persons: A step forward in improving the quality of care

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1. As my understanding, primary care with (elements of) the CCM in the practices of GPs who implemented a proactive, integrated care program in the study was referred to the "Finding and Follow-up of Frail older persons" (FFF) program. Could the description about the intervention group be clearer and directly in last two paragraphs of the background section?

2. In the section of methods, the indicators that were used to describe or analyze the data quantitatively were not stated.

3. The first paragraph of the results should be merged to the section of methods or just be omitted.

4. The sub-heading of the paper should be shorter, such as "Implementation of interventions falling under CCM dimensions in intervention and control GP practices".

5. In the results, when authors stated that "On average, more interventions that were in line with the CCM were implemented in intervention than in control GP practices (n = 33 (range, 23-42) vs. n = 23 (range, 14-33)). This difference was significant." But there were no statistical tests conducted or showed in the table. Similar issues exist too.

6. The baseline characteristics of healthcare professionals in the intervention and control groups should be put in table 2 and be described briefly.

7. When the author stated that "The number of interventions implemented was associated positively with ACIC-S scores at T1 (r = 0.56, p < 0.05)" , how many paired data were used in the study? Did one person represent one institution that implemented primary care differently?

8. More sub-headings were needed to make your discussion points clearer.

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