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Title: Impact of the Dementia Care in Hospitals Program on Acute Hospital Staff Satisfaction

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Reviewer #1
1. Reviewer comment: The Dementia Care topic is a very needed and essential topic to discuss and I congratulate you for choosing this topic for your submitted article. The methods and Dementia Assessment tool were well established and clear providing an insight to the work and training that the hospital staff have received in the four listed tertiary care hospitals.

Author response: Thank you.

2. Reviewer comment: However, I suggest that you attach Appendix A along with the remaining three appendices B, C and D as I was not able to witness it within the attached document with the manuscript.

Author response: Thank you for identifying this issue. We have made sure to attach Appendix A along with the remaining appendices B, C and D.

3. Reviewer comment: Could you kindly explain why the numbers of both clinical and non-clinical staff in all four hospitals has significantly dwindled when completing the post-training/education survey?

Author response: Because pre-intervention surveys were administered at the beginning of the DCHP
training sessions in the hospitals, survey response numbers post-intervention were comparatively lower. Post-intervention surveys were collected on the wards after distribution to staff without the advantage of being able to bring staff together for training.

We have amended the text to explain the reduced post-intervention survey numbers. This amendment is located:

Methods- Data Collection section, page 6, lines 139- 142.
Discussion- Limitations section, page 13, lines 296- 301.

Thank you for taking the time to review our manuscript and for your helpful comments.

Reviewer #2
1. Reviewer comment: Given the growing interest in and recognition of training programs, training courses become an opportunity to provide clinical and non-clinical workers with extensive and practical clinical experience. A training course is an essential item of medical education and a crucial opportunity to clinical and non-clinical workers with excellent evidence-based experience. I found this article interesting and informative.

Author response: Thank you for taking the time to review our manuscript and for your helpful comments.