Author’s response to reviews

Title: Older multimorbid patients’ experiences on integration of services: A systematic review

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The authors thank the reviewer and the assistant editor for the potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Health Services Research.

We thank the assistant editor and reviewer for the relevant comments for the manuscript. We hope that we have adequately dealt with the essential revisions and that the manuscript can now be accepted for publication. The points correspond to the comments.

Best regards
Lilian Keene Boye

Assistant Editor Comments:

1. Formatting

-- The abstract should only include the following separate sections:

Background: the context and purpose of the study

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We thank the assistant editor for the comment. The abstract now only include the separate sections.

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We thank the assistant editor for the comment. The manuscript now include the above mentioned headings.

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We thank the assistant editor for the comment. The role of the funders has now be added to the manuscript.

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We thank the assistant editor for the comment. The manuscript, the table and the figures are now in clean versions. All table and figures are cited in the text.
Lina Maria Ellegård, Ph.D. (Reviewer 2): I am satisfied with the authors' revisions of the paper. In particular, their definition of continuity of care and the scope of their literature search is now more clear.
• We thank the reviewer for this comment and we appreciate that she is satisfied with our revision of the paper.

Two minor comments:

1) the new sentence on page 3, line 65. Please go through the wording of the sentence again. Something is wrong with the sentence.
• We thank the reviewer for this comment. The wording in this sentence has now been corrected.

2) Page 8, line 186. Please remove the word "with", which is redundant.
• Thanks to the reviewer for the comment. The “with” is now removed for the sentence.