Author’s response to reviews

Title: Feasibility of using risk prompts to prevent falls, dehydration and pulmonary aspiration in nursing homes: a clinical study protocol

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Dear Prof. Carmel Hughes,

We hereby resubmit our revised manuscript entitled “Feasibility of using risk prompts to prevent falls, dehydration and pulmonary aspiration in nursing homes: a clinical study protocol” (PAFS-D-17-00088R1) and we thank you for the opportunity to submit a revised version for publication in Pilot and Feasibility Studies journal.

We appreciate the time and efforts by the associate editor and referees in reviewing this manuscript. We have revised the manuscript in accordance with the comments and suggestions raised. We enclose below a point-by-point response to the issues raised by the reviewers specifying the changes made to the revised version of the manuscript.

We hope the revised version will now be suitable for publication at the Pilot and Feasibility Studies journal.

Yours sincerely,
Joaquim Ferreira, MD, PhD
Reviewer reports:

Reviewer #1: Please comply with the directions given by the editor. The research will be extremely valuable and interesting for people in the field of neurology. I suspect the findings could be transferable for all care settings.

Response: We are grateful to the reviewer for his guidance in improving the manuscript. We hope that the results of this study help improving the care of institutionalized patients. Editor and reviewers’ suggestions have been taken into account in this review.

Reviewer #2:

1) Thank you for making the required revisions to the manuscript - it is much improved for potential publication. However, the manuscript will also require some extensive editing in relation to English language/grammar

Response: We greatly appreciate the reviewer’s efforts to carefully review the manuscript and for this relevant observation. The English has now been reviewed by an English medical editor.
2) Can you please give an indication of the total number of residents in the CNS residential unit in line 18 of page 4 (insert n=) following the word 'unit' as this will give the readership an idea of scale.

Response: We thank the reviewer for this pertinent suggestion. According to it, the total number of residents in the CNS residential unit has been added to the manuscript (page 4, line 18):

“All patients from CNS residential unit (n=78) who fulfil the following inclusion criteria will be invited to participate”