Reviewer’s report

Title: Feasibility and usefulness of a leadership intervention to implement evidence-based falls prevention practices in residential care in Canada

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The writing of the manuscript is very dense. It is very difficult to really understand what the leadership intervention entailed. The figures are somewhat useful to see flow, however it is unclear to know what the intervention was in this study. The intervention is described very broadly and references the Ottawa model of implementation leadership (OMILe)—however the specifics of how the implementation leadership interfaced with the implementation of evidence-based practices to reduce patient falls. In the background section, there is not a clear transition from the concept of leadership of point-of-care managers and the implementation of evidence-based practices. It seems that there are clearly good leadership skills needed, however, only limited attention seems to have been focused on best practices for fall prevention and the integration of these practices by nursing staff. There really needs to be more clarity on the actual intervention components based on the OMILe. Frame the study around the structure of a study with methods delineating the intervention (both the leadership training/coaching and the evidence-based practices leaders were integrating into practice. Delineate tools used for measurement in a measurement section of the paper and include additional description of the ILS tool and psychometrics of this tool.

How does this leadership intervention support the concept of the leaders' role in developing a culture of safety for "zero" falls?

Please consider simplifying the description of the leadership intervention and give more attention to how the Prevention of Falls practices was integrated into the nursing care of the patients. This is critical as this is often where the gap is in leadership to promote improvements in preventing patient falls.

Given that falls actually increased following the leadership training—provide discussion on needs to enhance/change intervention.

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