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1 Original submission

1 comment · 1 Jul 2023

Referee 1 Reviewer

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Thank you for your valuable study. My comments are written in the manuscript.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Response to reviewers

Dear respected editor-in-chief and reviewers

Thank so much for your valuable comments which have enriched our manuscript. The manuscript has been revised accordingly and revisions highlighted in the manuscript.

Editor-in-Chief Comment

Please revise the manuscript according to the comments in the attached file and resubmit.

Response: Thanks for your comment. We revised according to the reviewer's comment and highlighted in manuscript file.

Reviewer #1 comments

-What is the mean of qualified caregivers?

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-The number of extracted codes is a lot!

Response: Thanks for your comment. As you know, we do not have any restriction in extracted codes and because of the extensiveness of our topic, we extracted these codes.

-Please insert reference 4 in the end of paragraph.

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2 Revision 1

1 comment · 15 Aug 2023

Maryam khoshbakht pishkhani Reviewer

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Thanks for the corrections made to the manuscript.
Good luck.

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