Review of: "Challenge in Old People Care in Nursing Homes during COVID-19 Pandemia: Role of Nurses"

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I can't do anything else than aplaude this article. As a health worker involved in the response to Covid-19 in nursing homes, I entirely agree with the set of recommendations developed by the authors, with a patients-centered perspective. I have just some comments which might improve the reading of this piece of work. Firstly, the title concerns nurse staff, but I guess that most of the considerations include in general speaking all nursing-homes staff and decission-makers regarding elderly's care. Secondly, even if this is an evidence-based work (I presume based on the own author's experience and previoius publications), it sounds rather like an opinion or letter to the editor. The authors should state the format/purpose of this letter and in any case, I encourage to expand this work with a review format to support their considerations. This is the way to influence policy-makers and the society in general to reform the olde-people care system and the management of epidemic situations in nursing homes which was, by far, rather inacceptable from a patients perspective. The article might benefit from a better structure, following the standard format of introduction, material and methods (p.ex. narrative review or review), findings and discussion where they can develop the main recommendations developed (which I found really relevant). Otherwise, the authors should decide if they prefer an "opinion" or "letter to the editor" format, but that should include implicitly this underlying structure and personal perceptions form their own experience with Covid-19 and nursing-home residents.

I suggest to have a look to some of previous works and include them in the article.

1. Shallcross L, Burke D, Abbott O, et al. Factors associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection and outbreaks in long-term care facilities in England: a national cross-sectional survey. Lancet Healthy Longev. 2021 doi: 10.1016/S2666-7568(20)30065-9.

This article is in my understanding the best evidence collected which associate the quality of care with the risk of infection and severity of infection in nursing homes.

2. O'Neill D, Briggs R, Holmerová I, Samuelsson O, et al. Covid-19 highlights the need for universal adoption of standards of medical care for physicians in nursing homes in Europe. Eur Geriatr Med. 2020 doi: 10.1007/s41999-020-00347-6.

3. Miller EA. Protecting and Improving the Lives of Older Adults in the Covid-19 Era. J Aging Soc Policy. 2020 doi:

10.1080/08959420.2020.1780104

4. Strang P, Bergström J, Martinsson L, et al. Dying From Covid-19: Loneliness, End-of-Life Discussions, and Support for Patients and Their Families in Nursing Homes and Hospitals. A National Register Study. J Pain Symptom Manage. 2020 doi: 10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2020.07.020.

The authors might get some ideas and better sustain their suggestions with the reflections of this early article. I encourage the authors to go in deep with the indirect consequences of lockdowns among nursing-home residents, including mortality, morbidity, pshychiatric and pshychological distress, worsening of underlying conditions (i.e. dementia). A fully review of this issue is most pertinent. The authors included some aritcles about this issue but I'm certain there is many additional works about this.

Finally, I strongly encourage the authors to carry out a professional revision of the article at language level by a native english-speaking corrector. I have the feeling that many ideas are not fully expressed due to language limitations. Try to express first yourself in your native language (Spanish I guess) and then translate it to english using an automatic translator device and a final revision made by a professional translator. I'm certain that this would really enrich the article and increase the potential impact.