

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review your article! The strength in your article is that it is a short piece that addresses some of the challenges and solutions for care within nursing homes due to changes from the pandemic. I have provided recommendations to improve the clarity of your article.

## Overall Feedback

- Consider changing the term "old people" to a more inclusive term such as "older adults" or "people 65 years and older". The term "old people" can be viewed as stigmatizing.
- Some of your paragraphs are short (such as one or two sentences). Consider if the paragraphs with one or two sentences can be added to another longer paragraph.
- Your paper can be strengthened by adding references throughout the paper. There are several places where the authors make a statement, but this statement is not backed by a reference. This makes the statement feel like an opinion, rather than based on objective findings.

## Abstract

- I do not feel the abstract matches the text in the writing. In the abstract, you describe analyzing the changes caused by COVID-19. I think to avoid mis-leading readers, you can say you briefly analyzed the changes. This is a short brief article, and an in-depth analysis was not provided.
- The statement "did not have the opportunity to go to hospitals to be treated" feels like an overstatement without a reference. There might have been some places where patients from nursing homes went to the hospital for treatment. Additionally, this statement was never re-discussed in the paper. I suggest deleting it.

## Introduction Section Feedback

- There's a minor typo in the second paragraph of the intro, first sentence where there is an extra "o" before the word "of".
- You can consider ending your third sentence at partial isolation. The term "have to deal with" is not needed after partial isolation.
- In your intro, you write, "in the current situation". Are you referring to the situation since COVID started or before COVID? Some clarity would help here.

### **Implementation Section Feedback**

- In this section, your heading describes “the protective equipment” but your second paragraph does not speak to this equipment. Consider whether you can discuss how protective equipment is needed for direct physical contact.

### **Dealing with Quarantine Section Feedback**

- You wrote some bold and powerful statements. I feel that in order to add evidence to your statements, you should consider adding references to this section to support the claims that you're making regarding staff being the major spreaders of COVID.

### **Social Distancing Section Feedback**

- Consider adding references to where you describe the effect of COVID among people who are living with dementia.
- The sentence starting with “the complexity of the situation...” is not complete.
- There is a minor typo of the letter “e” before the word “protection” in the last paragraph.
- When you describe the average length of stay, is this the average length of stay for someone living with dementia, or all people who are admitted to nursing homes? Some clarity here is needed.

### **Responsible for the Institutions Section Feedback**

- Consider removing the metaphor “under the wheels”. Some of the readers to this article might not understand it.

### **Caring for Residents Section Feedback**

- Consider changing the word “corona” to COVID-19
- It seems like the last paragraph is the conclusion paragraph. If so, consider putting a heading of conclusion above this paragraph.