Pilot testing of a dementia literacy intervention for Korean American elders with dementia and their caregivers

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Dear Dr Han,

Reviewers have now commented on your paper. You will see that they are advising that you revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be pleased to reconsider my decision.

For your guidance, reviewers' comments are appended below.

If you decide to revise the work, please submit a list of changes or a rebuttal against each point which is being raised when you submit the revised manuscript. Also, please ensure that the track changes function is switched on when implementing the revisions. This enables the reviewers to rapidly verify all changes made.

Your revision is due by Sep 02, 2021.

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Yours sincerely

Michal Heger
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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: This is well written article of a feasibility study done in the field of dementia care support for an ethnic minority population which showed acceptability and feasibility. Such interventions are needed in this underserved group. In the abstract, can the authors state how long the intervention was? In terms of methods, how was a medical record review done for the participants to confirm receipt of a diagnosis? In terms of the intervention, the intervention uses chws for a Korean population. Some description of who they are, how they were trained and by whom would be relevant. Retention was 100% - what were the factors that led to that? For example, the authors mention that 'trust' was important - how was that achieved? The authors describe fidelity of the intervention, eg. the delivery was 'highly consistent', how was that achieved, measured or ascertained? In general, some more details about the process of the intervention that support the outcomes of interest would enhance the manuscript.

Authors' response

Response to the reviewer's comments

We would like to thank the reviewers and the editor for detailed and thoughtful feedback. We agree with the reviewer's critique and have revised the manuscript accordingly. The revisions suggested by reviewer #1 have greatly strengthened this manuscript. The reviewer's critique and corresponding revisions have been summarized below.

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Reviewer's critiques	**Manuscript revisions**
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In terms of methods, how was a medical record review done for the participants to confirm receipt of a diagnosis?	We followed the usual process set by the IRB: 1) An IRB approved medical release form was signed by the participant; 2) The study team faxed the signed medical release form to the clinic where dementia evaluation

	was done; 3) The clinic faxed back the requested medical record to the study team.
In terms of the intervention, the intervention uses chws for a Korean population. Some description of who they are, how they were trained and by whom would be relevant.	Further details about the CHWs have been added in the methods section.
Retention was 100% - what were the factors that led to that? For example, the authors mention that 'trust' was important - how was that achieved?	We expanded the discussion section to include more comments about our working with a CHW within a community organization with a long history of service in the target community.
The authors describe fidelity of the intervention, eg. the delivery was 'highly consistent', how was that achieved, measured or ascertained? In general, some more details about the process of the intervention that support the outcomes of interest would enhance the manuscript.	Thank you for the comment. We added more information about the intervention delivery in this revision.

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Dear authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Research.

You will receive the proofs of your article shortly, which we kindly ask you to thoroughly review for any errors.

Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Michal Heger
Editor-in-Chief
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Comments from the editors and reviewers: