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## Structural Model Presentation of Quality of Life for the Elderly Based on Self-Care with the Mediating Role of Social Support

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The review would benefit from a deeper analysis of the causal pathways through which self-care influences quality of life, integrating recent meta-analyses and systemic reviews to solidify the theoretical underpinnings of your model. For instance, incorporating findings from longitudinal studies could enhance understanding of the temporal dynamics between self-care and quality of life.

It is advised to provide a clearer operational definition of "self-care" and "social support". The manuscript ambiguously uses these terms, which could lead to confusion about what specific aspects of self-care and social support are being measured. Explicitly stating these definitions will improve the clarity and replicability of the study.

More detailed justification for the selection of the structural equation modeling technique and its assumptions checks would strengthen the manuscript. Clarify why this method is preferable over other potential statistical methods considering the nature of your data and research questions.

There are several typographical and grammatical errors throughout the text which could detract from its professional quality. A thorough proofreading session is necessary to enhance the readability and professional appearance of the manuscript.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Tables could be enhanced for better clarity and impact. For instance, adding a flowchart illustrating the model's hypothesized relationships could greatly improve readers' understanding of the study design and results.

The referencing style should be checked for consistency. Some references appear incomplete or inconsistent with the journal's guidelines. Ensure all citations and references are formatted correctly.

Expand the description of the measurement tools used for assessing self-care and social support. Providing more background on their development and previous use can help justify their application in this study context.

The discussion section could further elaborate on the study's limitations, such as potential biases or errors in self-reporting measures, which might affect the validity of the findings.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.