Dear editorial production team at BMC Medical Ethics,

The following formatting changes are made according to your requests for MS 1370148345109003. Title: Ethical challenges related to elder care. High level decision-makers' experiences

1. The authors in the manuscript are now written exactly as they are in the submission system.

2. Qualifications - the authors' qualifications are removed from the manuscript and the submission system.

3. The word "original" and the keywords are moved from the title page.

4. The corresponding authors is indicated at the first page with the symbol *

5. The title of the abstract is replaced to the heading "Abstract".

6. The title is identical in the manuscript and the submission system.

7. The table placement text is removed.

8. The discussion section is renamed to Discussions and Conclusions.

9. The authors' contribution is indicated. MK and VS participated in the design of the study, read the interviews, participated in the analysis, helped to draft and complete the manuscript.

10. For all references square brackets are used.

11. An native English speaker have reviewed the text and the following changes of the English in the text are made.

Page 3, line 19-20, ......which actions for the patients are the best ones to take in specific situations (10).

Page 5, line 8, ............The selection of the participants......

Page 6, line 10-11,... there were a total of 18 willing participants. The first 18 asked were willing to
participate with the result being nine politicians.....

Page 6, line 13,........ 20 years and 13 were female.

Page 7, line 13,........ two perspectives since...

Page 7, line 14,........ these type of dilemmas and the feelings of being in such situations are often....

Page 12, line 2,.........were limits to that.

Page 20, line 14-15, ...hear of not only bad incidents occurring in elder care but also of bad relationships.

Page 22, line 1,........ there is a risk for data...

Page 22, line 3-4 ...... since the data was analysed as ethical dilemmas or the meaning...