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Comment 1: Overall, throughout the manuscript, I recommend a careful review to ensure the language aligned with the Revised Style Guides Advance Age-Inclusive Language, for example, removing the phrase “Silver Tsunami.”

Reply 1: Thank you for pointing this out. Necessary changes have been made throughout the manuscript.

Changes in the text:

1. Erased the phrase “...also known as the Silver Tsunami” in the Introduction section
2. Changed “The Silver Tsunami has major implications...” to “This rapid growth of the older population has major implications...” in the Introduction section.

Comment 2: Framing the Introduction. I recommend revising the second paragraph of the introduction. I think the description of long-term care needs to be divided into 2 sections: location of care (nursing home, assisted living, home, etc) and type/intensity of care (24-hour nursing home care compared to requiring help with some assistance of daily living).

Reply 2: Thank you for your feedback. Necessary change has been made in the second paragraph of the introduction section.

Changes in the text: “.....can be separated into two categories: location of care (nursing home, assisted living, home and community-based services) and type/intensity of care (24-hour nursing home care, hospice and palliative care).”

Comment 3: Methods. While the authors are using the best definition of CCRC available in the given datasets, I think it is important to note in the limitations that this definition of CCRC affiliation covers a variety of levels of care (e.g., assisted living versus memory care). Thus, we’re not able to speak to differences between affiliations with assisted living versus independent care-which can provide a meaningfully different level of care.

Reply 3: Thank you for your feedback. Necessary change has been made in the conclusion section.

Changes in the text: “One limitation has to be noted for this study. The definition of CCRC affiliation that is provided covers a wide variety of levels of care (e.g., assisted living versus memory care). Thus, we are not able to speak to differences between affiliations with assisted living versus independent care, which can provide a meaningfully different levels of care.”

Comment 4: Methods. It would be very helpful to include a table or state in the manuscript which variables came from which data sources. For example, it is unclear how PBJ data was incorporated into the analysis.

Reply 4: Thank you for your feedback. Based on the feedback that has been provided, necessary table has been added in the methods section.

Changes in the text: (Table 1 has been added in the methods section)

Comment 5: In the abstract, line 47, please remove the word “like” in the sentence “Data from sources like...”. Please list all data sources, e.g., “Data sources included Nursing Home Compare, HCRIS, PBJ, ...”

Reply 5: Thank you for your feedback. Necessary change has been made in the abstract section.

Changes in the text: “Data sources included Nursing Home Compare.....”