MASTER THESIS REVIEW

Type of review:	supervisor´s review
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Title:	Taking care of an elder relative: options in Russia
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1) Factual benefits of work and its added value

Ageing brings several challenges to all societies. I see the added value in the submitted thesis in making available information on the situation in Russian elderly care services. The author made a detailed summarization of the field. Furthermore, she also offered possible policy suggestions.

2) Setting and answering research questions

The author reached the main goal "to determine whether the governmental system of elderly care in Russia supports familisation or defamilisation" (p.6). Both research questions on familisation and the problems of the content of the elderly care services (p.6) were answered well.

3) Structure of work

The thesis chapters are logically related and further elaborate on the topic. Personally, I would move a significant part of the conclusion to the previous chapter of the discussion.

4) The factual accuracy and convincing of the argumentation

I appreciate that the author took into account not just social but also economic aspects and took into account pensions and thus services accessibility from the economic perspective.

The author also maps existing research in the area in a good way and doesn't work here just with the Russian authors but also with other ones.

The author offers us several interesting findings, for example, those connected with the standards (p. 22-28). Some of the chapter, like the Social Service Package (p. 29-36), is mainly descriptive. But the author finished the chapter with a good summary, including the reflection (p.34-36).

I also like the policy suggestion part (p. 57-58), which proves that the author considers directions for further research.

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I have several comments on the text of the thesis. I am not sure that the author makes the difference between the prevalence of common health issues of older adults and their healthy life expectancy. On page 9, the author states that they indicate different tendencies, but it doesn't really matter. Those are various indicators showing different trends. If the lifespan is getting longer, it usually leads to a higher incidence of diseases. Still, at the same time, it may, at least theoretically, lead to an increase the life in good health (even if their share of the total years stays the same).

In the text, the author claims the familiarisation of the care (for example, on p. 44). But I didn't find the definition of the indicators according to which the author would decide like this. If not in the methodological part, it would be good to state them at the beginning of the analytical part.

A similar comment goes to the table at p. 55, which I like. Still, I miss the detailed description of the indicators, which led the author to decide that the institutional support, for example, the familisation in a middle way and that we can't speak about defamilisation of familisation.

5) Sophistication and application of theoretical approaches

The author based her thesis on the two concepts. The first one is the familisation and defamilisation approach. The second one is the role of long-term care within the welfare state. Both concepts are relevant. Generally, within the theoretical part, the author proved her ability to cope with relevant literature. Further, in the next part, she linked the theory to her research theme and findings.

6) Methodological approach and application of particular methods and approaches

Document analysis became the primary research approach. The qualitative approach is the appropriate one concerning the topic. However, I miss more information on collecting and analysing these sources. It is unclear from the list of references which sources were used for the analytical part. I miss the limits of research in the text.

7) Use of literature and data

The author based her work on relevant sources. I just would like to see references in alphabetical order and structured according to their type.

8) Stylistic and text editing (quote, text layout, etc.).

The test fulfils all criteria laid on the academic work. The author demonstrates stylistic skills, the text is readable, and the citations conform to the standard. I have just a small

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comment on the missing numbers of the chapters. It would help the reader to orient in the text.

9) Question for defence (not obligatory)

1. In the text, the author stated, "Then, during the last seven years, the number of working people has significantly reduced. More precisely, from 2014 to 2021, this amount had decreased from 14 325 to 8 891people, i.e., to 14 %. "(p.8) Can the author explain the meaning of this statement? Which people does the author mean?

2. Did the author consider the limits of her research? Which are they? How could it be solved?

I declare that I have read the result of the originality check of the text of the thesis in the system: [ ] Theses [X] Turnitin [ ] Ouriginal (Urkund) Comment on the result of the check: no reservations.

For the above reasons, I recommend the diploma thesis for the defense and to grade by"C-B"according to performance during the defence.

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