Respectful Caring for the Agitated Elderly

The project addresses one of the most relevant problems in the field of dementias: behavioural disorders. It aims at validating, adapting and upscaling the Special Care Unit for Behavioural disturbances (SCU-B), that is a residential medical structure, where patients with BPSD are temporarily admitted when their behavioural disturbances are not amenable to control at home.

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First phase of RECAGE: A three-year *observational comparative cohort study*, comparing two cohorts of patients with severe BPSD, the first one followed by memory clinics endowed with a SCU-B, the other followed by centres lacking this facility.

Second phase of RECAGE: *To adapt the model in accordance with the results of the cohort study*, not only regarding the main endpoints, but also comparing the experience and the different ways to work of the participating centres and the different socio-political context in which they act.

Third phase: scaling up the intervention
The Project is going on, but there have been considerable delays and **difficulties due to the present pandemic**. COVID hindered regular “in presence” visits and compelled the memory clinics to do only or mostly phone visits (294 as for June 2021);

So far we have registered
- A small loss of data
- Some withdrawals from the study and delays of the visits
- Some deaths due to the pandemic itself

For these reason we decided to ask for an extension of six months of the project. Should it be accepted the project will last 66 months instead of 60, end date 30/06/2023 instead of 31/12/22.

At the end of the project will be organized a **Final Conference**, during which we will present the results of the project in order to produce a **consensus document** on a model SCU-B

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