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Dear Dr Pautex,

Thank you for your response to our article “Expert opinion on the management of pain in hospitalised older patients with cognitive impairment: a mixed methods analysis of a national survey.” We are grateful to the reviewers for their comments and have addressed each of them in turn. In response to reviewer 1’s comments we have; added “and harmful” to line 82, commented on the caution noted with prescription of tramadol and codeine in our conclusion, reflected on the BGS standard in our discussion and amalgamated Figures 1, 2 and 3 into a single stacked bar diagram to add clarity to the results as suggested (Figure 1). In response to reviewer 2’s comments we have; added the percentage of respondents in each theme in the results to provide a more accurate indication of the strength of the themes, omitted the phrase “high response rate” from our discussion (now line 248) and added the “start low and go slow principle” to the end of our conclusion. Consequently I have uploaded a revised version of our manuscript taking these changes into account and hope you are now able to consider it for publication.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Kirsty T. M. Rodger