Reviewer’s report

Title: Expert opinion on the management of pain in hospitalised older patients with cognitive impairment: a mixed methods analysis of a national survey.

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1. It would be useful for the authors to provide some indication of the numbers of responses in each of the themes which would give the reader an indication of how strong the themes were. For example (144) the general consensus does not really tell us very much. I think this should be addressed throughout the paper.

2. (241-242) There was a high response rate - not really, 47.7% is not that high and what is .7% of a person?

3. (270) should add - start low and go slow principal.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests