Author’s response to reviews

Title: It takes two to tango: carers’ reflections on their participation and the participation of people with dementia in the James Lind Alliance process

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to re-submit the revised manuscript entitled ‘It takes two to tango: Carers’ reflections on own participation and the participation of people with dementia in the James Lind Alliance process’

Best regards,

Agnete Nygaard

on behalf of all the authors

Reviewing author

Reviewer Reena Devi,

Thank you for the opportunity to read this paper again. It reads very well. Many congratulations on an excellent and valuable piece of work.

Thank you. We appreciate to hear that.

#1 Abstract: Background - the last sentence is missing a full stop.

Thank you for noting that. This is amended. See Abstract: Background, page 2 line 34.
Main paper: Background, line 89, sentence beginning with 'Evidence uncertainties' - this sentence needs more at the moment it doesn't read very well and is incomplete. In the background this reference could be included to demonstrate that priority setting has been carried out in long term care settings but is yet to include people with dementia-https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5386006/ this was a study carried out in UK care homes - but recruited care home staff only.

Thank you for this comment and the reference. This is amended. See Background, page 4 lines 90-96 and page 5 lines 117-125.

Method: page 7, line 160-163. I think this sentence would fit better in the 'data collection' section, and inserted before the sentence starting 'participants were asked to reflect on the following topics guided by the authors'. Describing that all participants were provided with this lecture prior to the taking part in focus groups is key context around how data was collected, and I think sits better in the data collection paragraph.

Thank you for noticing. This is amended. See Method, page 7 lines 167-169.

Results: page 10, line 215. I wonder if 'creating empowering teams where all voices are heard' is a better title for your overarching theme? At the moment the main overarching theme title feels a bit too wordy.

Thank you for this comment. We agree with your suggestion about the title for overarching team. This is amended. See Results, page 2 lines 40-41, page 10 lines 230-231 and page 11 lines see Table 3.