Author’s response to reviews

Title: 'I try not to bother the residents too much' - the use of capillary blood glucose measurements in nursing homes

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Answers to review comments

Reviewer #1:

I could see a major improvement from the last version. The language has improved significantly, the rephrasing and rearrangement of words augmented the logic flow of argument which is essential in qualitative research articles. I would recommend elaborating further the residents role and what recommendations are there to empower them in providing yet more effective healthcare service in terms of CBGM. Training on measurement and counselling may aid in strengthening the recommendation section.

We understand this as that the reviewer wants us to elaborate on the final paragraph under the subheading “The resident – the centre of attention but not part of the team?” We have now replaced the sentence “Allowing the resident to retain some autonomy in relation to their diabetes management does not necessarily stand in contrast to maintaining patient safety” with a more detailed account of the resident’s role in the empowerment process and how the resident can be empowered in terms of diabetes care and CBGM. The elaboration can be found on page 20, lines 15-25, and page 21, lines 1-7.

Section Editor:

Thank you for providing a 2nd revision that has successfully addressed all issues. Manuscript can now be accepted with the following discretionary changes to be made by authors:

1) Abstract in page 2, line 21, please rephrase as follows:
“Strict glycaemic control and excessive measurements were avoided in order to promote the well-being and safety of the residents. Sufficient knowledge of diabetes symptoms, equivalent practices for glucose measurement, and unambiguous documentation and communication of results were determined to be most helpful. However, all professional groups seldom involved....”

The sentences have now been rephrased as suggested.

2) Keywords: add “chronic disease management”, “clinical guidelines”, “nursing practice” and omit “focus group interviews”.

We have added the suggested keywords and omitted “focus group interviews”.

3) In regards to Reviewer's 1 suggestion "I recommend elaborating further the residents role and what recommendations are there to empower them... in terms of CBGM...strengthening the recommendation section." the authors are urged to incorporate into recommendations.

We have incorporated a more elaborate discussion of the resident’s role in and opportunity for empowerment on page 20, lines 15-25, and page 21, lines 1-7.