Dear A/Prof Gibson

This is a resubmission of a paper with the reviewer comments addressed and detailed below.

We would like to thank the reviewers for their helpful comments. The manuscript has now been amended following their recommendations. Our responses to the specific comments are listed below.

Kind regards

Dr Angie Nilsson

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| P2. Introduction – last sentence – you are managing ‘residents’ oral health’ not ‘their’ | **Addressed:**  *it has become an imperative to better prepare dental professionals for managing the oral health care of residents* |
| P5. Please reconsider use of the word ‘suffering’ before dementia. You were correct elsewhere by saying ‘living with dementia’. | **Addressed:**  *patients living with dementia* |
| P9: First box. I suggest the students ‘thought they were’ rather than ‘felt they were….’ Second box – lectures on the subject AND lacked… The comma does not make sense.  Third box. …amongst the students THAT were in a… | **Addressed:**  *They thought they were able to retain information*  *lectures on the subject and lacked confidence*  *agreement amongst the students that there was a need for greater emphasis on teaching of the consenting processes* |
| P 10: I don’t know what you mean by complicated cases. Are you referring to people? If so please revise. | **Reworded:**  *There was an understanding that consent can be complex to obtain from older patients and there was a sense of confusion and wariness when discussing past experiences with cases where there was impaired decision-making capacity.* |
| P 11. Summary – dentistry and THOUGHT (not felt). | **Addressed:**  *thought that service-based learning* |
| P 12. I dislike the suggestion of managing frail older people. That is just not correct. I think you might mean ‘learning for service provision to frail older’ (or similar?). | **Reworded:**  *management of the oral health of frail older people* |
| P 16. Again, managing on the first line. Please consider something like ‘providing dental services to’. | **Reworded:**  *prepared for providing oral health care to older patients* |
| Final paragraph - … I take issue with ‘workforce for the frail….’ And suggest ‘workforce to adequately support the needs of’ (or similar) would be more respectful. | **Reworded:**  *prepare the dental workforce to adequately support the needs of frail and care-dependent people* |