

Supplementary table S2. Themes and subthemes	
Theme	Subthemes
<b>GPs caught in the middle of the opioid crisis</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP's duty to treat pain</li> <li>• GP's duty towards society at large</li> </ul>
<b>Are opioids always bad?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectivity and side effects</li> <li>• addiction</li> <li>• Nature of pain</li> </ul>
<b>GPs weighting scale to decide on opioids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GP factors</li> <li>• Patient factors</li> <li>• GP-patient relationship factors</li> </ul>
<b>GP's sense of powerlessness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dumped on the GP</li> <li>• Lack of alternatives</li> <li>• Lack of knowledge and evidence /education</li> <li>• Lack of legislation and appropriate protocols and contracts</li> </ul>