Reviewer’s report

Title: Interviewee Transcript Review: Assessing the Impact on Qualitative Research

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Reviewer: Helen J Smith

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This is a thoughtful and well planned piece of methodological research. It poses an important question, and makes interesting reading for both experienced qualitative researchers and those new to the field. The question is important since it challenges an approach that is widely employed, but has rarely, if ever, been scrutinised to this extent. The conclusions are insightful, and provide sensible guidance on the use of transcript review.

The authors have reflected on the limitations of the study, and these are clearly described.

The paper is well written and the authors have done well with the structure of the write up of this methodological work, which was embedded in another study. I do not have any further comments or suggestions.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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