Reviewer's report

Title: The effort to stay in charge of the medical treatment of patients with home care provided by district nurses. A grounded theory study of family physicians’ experience.

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Reviewer: Frances Badger

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Review of Modin et al

Thank you for inviting me to review this article.

Code: Major compulsory revisions –MCR
Minor essential revisions MER
Discretionary revisions DR

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound?
   -Yes-but the patient code numbers in Table 4 are not clear, should they be 1-17? There are two ‘04’ numbers so when reading the quotes it is not clear which patient is being referred to. MCR
   P 10. Self –willed patients- possibly clarify that it was the FP who thought they needed medical attention. MER. Would ‘independent’ be a better term than self-willed? DR
   P 11. Explain type of abuse & clarify last 2 lines. MER
   P 12. Quote 04-does the first line of this need clarifying? DR
   P 17. Quote 17m- clarify ‘they both’. MER

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes. Mention ethical approval earlier.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes. Home care also seems very important to these patients’ care-how were their assessments conveyed to the FP? DR. Did FPs do any joint visits with DN or HC?

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes.
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes.
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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