Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceptions of Doctor-Nurse Collaborative Practices by Patients with Multimorbidity: A Qualitative Study

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Major compulsory revisions - none

Minor essential revisions
1.) In the first paragraph under main findings (p.6), the authors indicate that although the 18 subjects all had experience with some level of nurse-doctor collaboration, not all of the subjects had this experience in primary care. Technically the title does not indicate that the study was limited to doctor-nurse collaboration in primary care. However the thrust of the article focuses on primary care. In that case the authors would have been well advised to choose additional subjects whose experiences did reflect a primary care situation until they reached a likely saturation point (18 patients). The authors indicate that 13 of 18 subjects were open to collaboration, but they should also report how many of the 13 or 18 had experienced collaboration in primary care.

Discretionary revisions
1.) Page 7, line 4, in the sentence "As the nurse was perceived" substitute because for as.
2.) Page 12, first sentence of last paragraph refers to the need for patients to properly understand the role of each provider. The authors might do well to state that, although it was beyond the scope of this paper, it is also important for providers to understand the role of each provider. That does not always seem to be the case as reflected in related literature.

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I declare that I have no competing interests.