Reviewer's report

Title: Nurses joining family doctors in primary care practices: perceptions of patients with multimorbidity

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Thank you for the opportunity to examine the revision of this manuscript. The authors have made some important alterations. My concerns related to the descriptive verses interpretive nature of this work remain. I continue to be uncertain about what this work adds to the available body of literature at a theoretic level.

The reframed definition of the purpose of the paper is very helpful: "capturing how patients perceive the idea of having a nurse join their family doctor’s practice and participate in the patients' follow-up."

Identifying the experience of the participants with this form of collaboration is also an important addition. Would it be possible to assign a participant identification code to the quotations so that the reader could audit the participation of individuals across the data base? The identifier could also be used to indicate those who had experience with physician/nurse collaboration.

By describing the analysis “as part of a semi-inductive analysis process,” in part, addresses concerns about the researchers’ analysis frame.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to review your work.

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I declare that I have n competing interests.