Reviewer’s report

Title: Inter-relationships between the economic and emotional consequences of colorectal cancer for patients and their families: a qualitative study

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Major Compulsory Revisions
The methods are not well described- please incorporate the criteria included in COREQ--a 32-item checklist—reporting important aspects of the research team, study methods, context of the study, findings, analysis and interpretations with the rigor expected in such a study. This is worth publishing, but your methods section is lacking in rigor.

Minor Essential Revisions
None

Discretionary Revisions
none

Statistical review
Is it essential that this manuscript be seen by an expert statistician?
- No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician. However it would benefit from a more rigorous inclusion of qualitative methodology (e.g., Tong A, Sainsbury P, Craig J. Consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ): a 32-item checklist for interviews and focus groups. Int J Qual Health Care 2007 Dec;19(6):349-57. PMID: 17872937) The criteria included in COREQ--a 32-item checklist—could help this research team to report important aspects of the research team, study methods, context of the study, findings, analysis and interpretations with the rigor expected in such a study.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.