Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct): Please see the revisions noted on the pdf copy of the returned manuscript that was uploaded for attached.

Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached) The authors should be required to remove the names of the participants of this qualitative study. The authors state that they will keep the participants confidential but they should ensure anonymity as well as use a coding system for the participants.

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes, the authors formulated 2 questions and they were clearly written.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes, the methods are well-described. The authors should be required to remove the names of the participants of this qualitative study. The authors state that they will keep the participants confidential but they should ensure anonymity as well as use a coding system for the participants.

3. Are the data sound?

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5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes

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 Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?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, they mention that the first three phases were reported in 2 earlier articles.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable? Several typos and grammar errors are noted.

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

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