Reviewer's report

Title: Perceived Barriers and Facilitators of Using Dietary Modification for CKD Prevention among African Americans of Low Socioeconomic Status: A Qualitative Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1- The Grounded Theory as a research method has specific steps for its implementation. As: Collection of empirical data; Data analysis; Formation and development of the concept and definition of the theory.

In the methodology of article are not noticeable these steps, the authors should better highlight these steps to be more perceivable the development of the research they have done. What kind of study is this and what is the methodology used?

2- How are Focus Groups framed in the methodology of Grounded Theory? Since the Ground Theory values individual reports.

3- It is necessary to clarify how the Focus Groups were organized. Particularly if all groups had the same participants. If not, why? And the absence of these participants interferes or not in the methodology used?

4 It is necessary to clarify how the validation of the concepts that emerged was performed. How experts were selected and how concepts were validated.

5- The results should be presented in order to be more perceivable to the reader. Present for example in table the concepts that emerged and then describe each one individually.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.