Reviewer's report

**Title:** The meaning of self-care in persons with cervical spinal cord injury in Japan: a qualitative study

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The revised manuscript is much better than the original. The introduction and methods are acceptable, but the results are barely related to the research question, and the relationship between the discussion and the data is not clear to me. The reported themes sound reasonable, but I am not clear how they emerge from the data.

Please have a look at the specific comments within the attached text. I also feel that the discussion is still awkward and does not address the results directly and concisely, and that the language still requires some attention.

I believe that although the paper is improved, it is still not suitable for publication.