Reviewer's report

Title: A multi-disciplinary education process concerning discharging children from hospital when the child is newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes - a qualitative study

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Pg 1 (pages not numbered), 2nd paragraph: I statement that in US and UK (may be so for them but not for US) mostly treated on outpatient if not acutely ill. We are starting to see trends in treating outpatient, but for instance, at our medical center we still have many admits newly diagnosed. So if you know that is the case with UK and can reference statement, I would leave out US.

I have edited or asked for clarification in a few places, it still needs work in this respect:

*in same paragraph: other hand the family might receive an earlier possibility for self-management?’ Need clarification: Do 'you mean by learning the care in the home vs. initial hospitalization, families will have more 'home-based' opportunities to learn the care vs in an artificial environment i.e. the hospital

*Next sentence: opportunity? (vs possibility) to get to know family

*Next sentence: I would limit to 'In Sweden' because in US for instance, PNPs and Diabetes Educators provide much of the education vs PDSNs

*Purpose of your study vs aim

*Define DSP

*Were the PDSNs that recruited and verbally consented the team members also part of the focus groups?

*Please briefly clarify for the reader what in the Swedish Law about Ethical Teaching in Research allowed you not to get their permission.

*Pg 5 last sentence first paragraph: say 'added supplementary follow-up questions at the end of the interview' vs 'and possibly put...'

*Analysis: qualitative content analysis

*Results: 2nd paragraph: The participants reported vs diabetes teams felt

*Achieving..during the initial hospitalization the education focus was on ensuring that family members were taught the basic diabetes management skills including administration of insulin.... There was no expectation that family members would be totally competent in diabetes management by the end of hospitalization..

*Pg 7: bringing about knowledge through practice: we as nurses can't demand that parents and children pay attention....sentence needs to be reworked, it
sounds so paternalistic when you have nicely introduced earlier the concept of 'partnership'.

*Leave out interview # throughout findings to ensure confidentiality.

*Pg 9: We don't induce hypoglycemia so I would state that this is specific to your diabetes education protocol.

*Incomplete sentence 2nd line under bringing about co-operation and a relationship; had the goal not ambition... last sentence needs to be rewritten as well.

*paragraph starting with 'a trusting relationship... rework last two sentences.

*Last paragraph not scientific writing... it turned out...

*Pg 13: 'knowledge vs. application' might better describe the subtheme?

*PDSN got the feeling that... again, not scientific writing; comprised of... not comprising.

*Discussion first sentence needs to be reworked structurally and the statement about US outpatient treatment when newly diagnosed is incorrect.

*As written, the information might even be better presented as a clinical paper with illustrations from the focus groups.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.