Reviewer's report

Title: Pediatrician's Perspectives on Discharge Against Medical Advice (DAMA) among Pediatric Patients: A Qualitative Study

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The author has addressed the majority of concerns previously raised, including providing additional detail regarding the analysis of the interview transcripts.

- Major Compulsory Revisions

The one remaining concern relates to the analysis: the Methods section indicates that the author was the sole coder and that another researcher reviewed the themes that were identified but did not independently review the transcripts. It is not clear what the objectives were in reviewing the themes already identified and this would be useful to clarify. Also, it is common: 1) to have 2+ individuals simultaneously coding and then comparing identified codes/themes and/or, 2) to use software to analyze the transcripts. Neither of these approaches was adopted and it would be useful for the author to discuss whether they would be confident to state that the themes/codes identified from the analysis of the transcripts were a complete representation of the topics discussed.

- Minor Essential Revisions

None.

- Discretionary Revisions

None.

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

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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.