Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding the Facilitators and Barriers of Antiretroviral Adherence in Peru: A Qualitative Study

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Major compulsory: I appreciate the authors made most of my suggested changes - one thing they did NOT do was include %'s of individuals reporting a particular theme. This is very troubling, because as it stands now, the validity and reliability of the Results section remains questionable.

This is so troubling to me (that the information was NOT made available, or is not available) because I feel the themes lack the appropriate reliability and validity to be called "scientific work". Do the quotes help -- of course. But the authors stating that participants said 'this or that' and giving one example does not make a theme -- some type quantitative evidence (e.g., % individuals reporting a theme) is needed.

If the editor thinks the paper warrants publication, that at a minimum a major caveat should be included in the Discussion section noting that the validity and reliability of the themes is questionable because standard summary statistics regarding the themes are not available.

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

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