Reviewer's report

Title: Diabetes in the workplace - diabetic's perceptions and experiences of managing their disease at work: a qualitative study

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Overall the article has been improved. I would like to thank the authors for their work on the manuscript in answering the reviewers comments. The paper and description of the qualitative methodology have been strengthened. Still, I would like to address 3 topics:

1. The table could be more appropriate outlined by presenting percentages / categorizing the occupational status.

2. I meant to address the interviewer (Accept my apology for my mistake of mentioning 'reviewer') - participant relationship in qualitative research. Addressing this topic is important as intersubjectivity is an important issue in interviews, also in telephone interviews.

3. Although the authors stated that the literature informed all aspects of the study, it is still not specified how the existing literature was used during the process of data collection and data analysis. Has the literature on this topic been reviewed in advance or not to inform the data analysis? When was the literature incorporated during the process of analysis? Was the literature during the process of data collection used to sensitise the researchers to issues related to the topic? How did the authors ensure that they did not lose the primacy of their own data and be constrained by others' writing (the literature).