Reviewer’s report

Title: Experience of dementia in a foreign country: Qualitative content analysis of interviews with people with dementia

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• Major Compulsory Revisions

1. The authors provide “rich” data, but without numbers or percentages to describe how the 3 themes of personal, private and public spheres emerged from the data. A table is needed to inform the reader on the number of people that fall under these spheres as well as define the spheres. Further, how many people were needed for the authors to label the findings a theme or sphere? Did it require half the participants to express a certain point of view for a theme or sphere to be defined? See page 5.

2. More demographic information is needed on the sample. See pages 3-4 where only a cursory discussion is provided on sample. Who are the participants? A table may be helpful here.

3. Additional quotes are needed within each sphere. More quotes are especially needed from male participants in the study.

4. More discussion is needed on how the findings reported can inform healthcare workers. This is a stated goal of the study. Only cursory comments are made about in the last sections of paper on this issue.

5. Limitations of the study are not discussed in the paper.

• Minor Essential Revisions

NONE

• Discretionary Revisions

NONE

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.