Reviewer's report

Title: Obesity and Clinical Obesity. Men's understandings of obesity and its relation to the risk of diabetes: a qualitative study

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This paper has been greatly improved.

Minor essential revisions:
1. Abstract, Methods: Since narrative construction is now no longer discussed in the main text, the last sentence should finish after 'interlinked'.
2. Page 3, Methods, line 2 - the brackets should be closed after 'code' not 'aged'.
3. Page 3, Methods. In the paragraph beginning 'The participants are referred to ..', a full stop is needed after '(see table 2)'.
4. page 5, paragraph 3, also table 4: For reasons of anonymity, it would be better to omit the reference to Nissan, to make sure that the interviewee cannot be identified. This could either be omitted or replaced with a more general reference to the vehicle manufacturing industry.
5. Page 6, Diabetes, first paragraph: a full stop is needed at the end of this paragraph.
6. Page 7, second paragraph, first sentence: there should not be an apostrophe after 'perspectives'.
7. page 8, paragraph 4, first sentence: an apostrophe is needed before the 's' in populations.

Discretionary revisions:
1. page 3, Methods. In the paragraph beginning 'The participants are referred to ..', the sentence 'All quotations ' is a bit unclear. 'For longer quotations, see tables 3-6' might be an alternative.

page 4, Results, Obesity, first sentence: 'ever day' should really be one word in this context.

page 6, last paragraph: 'eye sight' should really be one word.

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.