Reviewer's report

Title: Patient experiences, attitudes and expectations towards receiving information about anti-TNF medication: A qualitative study

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The authors have done a qualitative study on RA patients receiving anti-TNF medication. There is following important points regarding this manuscript:

1- The sample size is too small (5 in each focus group) for the study to be conclusive.

2- The time allocated for each focus group (94 and 108 minutes) was very short, regarding the introductory talk delivered by group facilitator and multiple subjects considered in the topic guide. I wonder if there was enough time for each patient to speak freely or even speak about the subjects proposed in topic guide.

3- The patients selected were not in different ages (at least in female group) or disease activity. They had all severe disease regarding pre-treatment DAS levels.

4- The major concern is that the authors did not present any model how they had identified their 4 themes. According to streamlined code-to theory models for qualitative inquiries, we need at least to know the codes and how these codes were categorized to reach those themes.

5- In discussion: There were no analysis on the findings, and the authors have not presented any theory based on their themes and results. They had no discussion regarding different factors influencing patients' attitude and expectations in various communities (such as cultural background, disease severity, insurance and providers, etc.).

6- The authors had no new message for the readers.