Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Developing an online learning community for mental health professionals and service users: a discourse analysis

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**Reviewer:** Rebekah Pratt

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I think the authors have significantly improved this paper, and it is great to see that. It is an interesting work, and provides useful preliminary data for researchers interested in this area. There are some minor essential revisions though, and these are below:

The terms discourse analysis needs to be removed from the abstract, and updated to reflect the changes in the methods section (ie discursive approach is different from discourse analysis).

In the conclusion we hear for the first time there is also data in the form of written feedback provided. It would strengthen this paper to include that as data that contributed to the analysis, by describing both the data and how it was analyzed in the methods section.

I would like to see a small section in the methods, describing what constituted data. I think we infer that as we read, but it would be good to be explicit about what constituted data here (and maybe include that post course written feedback?). Also further information on the process of analysis, such as, was software used to help this process, and how did the authors resolve any areas of disagreement about the analysis?

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.