Reviewer's report

**Title:** Qualitative Approach to Medical School Applicant Admission System: a Case Study

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**Reviewer:** Annette Mercer

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A very complex study which is methodologically sound. However it is very difficult to follow given the 'density' of the text. All the qualitative processes seem to have been followed methodically and thoroughly.

Tables 1 - 3 did not add a great deal to the understanding of the study. Table 4 needs more explanation. Even an example of how percentages were elicited from the various data collected would have helped to understand this table and the two figures.

The outcomes are useful from the perspective of an initial exploratory study, which could form the basis of further more definitive research.

I believe the study has great merit, but I think it would be easier to follow if it were written in a more structured format with the concept map as the focus.

**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.