Reviewer's report

Title: The perceptions of Danish physiotherapists on the ethical issues related to the physiotherapist-patient relationship during the first physiotherapy session: A phenomenological approach

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Reviewer: Lynley Anderson

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The revised version of the article is much improved and the authors have responded to the comments made by both reviewers. There are still some places where the standard of written English detracts from the article and creates confusion for the reader.

I have pointed out those specific areas that require further attention prior to publication as follows:

P7 'In 2006 Greenfield out pointed' should be changed to 'In 2006 Greenfield pointed out'

P8 'Initially the aim of this study was to explore whether ethical issues rise during' please change 'rise' to 'arise'

P8 '... found it important to distinguish between the first session and the following process of physiotherapy' suggest that is changed to '... found it important to distinguish between the first session and subsequent physiotherapy sessions'

P9 'In the first interview the questions had focus on:...' please change to 'In the first interview the questions focussed on:...' 

p13 'An often issue...' please change to 'A frequent issue...'

P15 'We have a very perky and flirty tone,' Do you really mean this? it sounds potentially like it is close to a professional boundary breach. How accurate is this translation, could the word 'upbeat' do?

p15 '...especially when time is a lacing factor', do you mean a 'lacking factor'

P17 'They wanted for the patients to feel...' change to 'They wanted their patients to feel...'

P22 'Validity is further strengthened as the study design showed that data convergence is present in the themes but not in every sup-group.' The word should be sub-group.

P26 'The results show that the concept of beneficence is at the core when establishing a good first encounter, although no one relates it to Beauchamp and Childress.' The last part of this sentence seems to come out of nowhere. I suggest that this is deleted.

P27 The sentence starting 'Therefore it is worrying that less than a handful...' This sentence isn't clear yet.
P27 'If society looses faith and trust in physiotherapy...' should be 'If society loses faith...'

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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