Author's response to reviews

Title: social meanings and understandings in patient-nurse interaction in the community practice setting: a grounded theory study

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Dear Editor and Reviewers

Thank you for your further very helpful comments. I have revised the paper in line with these comments as indicated below in green. I have also highlighted the changes made in green in the revised manuscript.

I have included a statement of ‘no competing interest’ after the conclusion section.

I hope that these minor revisions meet with your approval.
Thank you

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**Essential minor revisions**

p.5: bottom; last sentence seems clumsy

**Sentence revised:**
The therapeutic interaction between patient and GP is now more likely to be subject to negotiation between them [34, 41].

p.14; Para beginning nurse participants... can I suggest that you insert 'of expectations after an imbalance so that it is clear where the imbalance lies.

**Sentence revised:**
The nurses identified that patients continuing in that mode of understanding created an imbalance of expectations in the patient-nurse relationship.

And then I am not clear who felt the reduced communications and collaboration.

**Sentence revised:**
Nurses felt that the impact of such imbalance was in terms of reduced communication and collaboration in patient-nurse interaction.

Also on this page I have noted that there is a new ideology of patient participation and this is where the nurses are located and the patients are not yet there. This point needs to be brought into the discussion more, not that it is mere rhetoric but that this ideology is yet to permeate through the older patient population – see your point at the bottom of p.16.

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**Point included page 14:**
The extent to which older patients may or may not participate in their own care. Nurses identified that patients continuing in that mode of understanding created an imbalance of expectations in the patient-nurse relationship. Nurses felt that the impact of such imbalance was in terms of reduced communication and collaboration in patient-nurse interaction. In addition for some older patients, contemporary definitions of participation in healthcare have not permeated fully and thus are not fully realised.

**Sentence revised on page 16:**
In terms of today’s emphasis upon involvement, the issue of who defines roles in healthcare interaction is at the heart of how the reality of being a patient or nurse is constructed.
p.27; Para 1, sentence beginning Redistribution of roles instead of 'if' a whether is needed.

Sentence revised on page 27:
If replaced with whether

Also last sentence needs "From interviews with patients, it is evident that these arrangements....then I think you should re-iterate your point about how the organizing of care across health professionals has not been driven by patients entirely...

Point expanded on page 27:
From interviews with patients, it is evident that these arrangements for managing care delivery have not been driven fully by them. Also, it is evident that these arrangements may not be apparent to or easily understood by patients.

Tina Koch name is misspelt in the references (6)
Corrected

Not essential, but for future research - perhaps the researcher could start to differentiate what it is about clinic spaces that leads to clientele seeing the space and organization just like other social care spaces???.
I do not have the depth of data from this study to support analysis of this differentiation. However, it is my intention to pursue this and the related health and social care institutional interaction issues in the future.