Reviewer's report

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

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This paper is much improved and deals with the situation in primary care in Scotland - but will have relevance to other health care jurisdictions. Much clearer description of the method and also the use of background literature in this version of the paper.

There are some essential minor revisions:

p.5: bottom; last sentence seems clumsy;

p.14; para beginning nurse participants... can I suggest tht you insert 'of expectations after an imbalance so that it is clear where the imbalance lies. and then I am not clear who felf the reduced communications and collaboration.

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. needs "a role@

p.27; para 1, sentence beginning Redistribution of roles instead of 'if' a whether is needed. Also last sentence needs "From interviews with patients, it is evident that these arrangement....

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...

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

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???

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 not competing interests.