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The authors have made a good work on the manuscript. Only one comment: This is a qualitative study therefore it is appropriate to use the word validity on page 6 (line 12 from the top of the page) please omit the word reliability. Thorne (1997) points to four general principles or evaluation criteria applied to quality of qualitative research. The principles ensure rigour and credibility in qualitative research. Please find the reference and use it and discuss rigour in the study. Thorne Sally (1997) The Art (and Science) of critiquing qualitative research. In Morse J (ed) Completing a qualitative project: Details and Dialogue. Thousands Oaks CA:SAGE.

If not possible find some other ref. for the validity. The use of reliability is concerned with consistency, accuracy, precision etc the instrument's ability to produce identical results with repeated testing.