Reviewer's report

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I welcome the additional information that the authors have included. However, please could you explicitly refer to both construct and content validity in the section where you discuss developing your questionnaire, and the steps you took to ensure each; could you also state explicitly which data distillation protocol you followed when undertaking the thematic analysis of the literature etc. Please could you also include sample questions in Table 1 for all associated sub-themes. If the questionnaire is copyrighted/confidential, then this should be made clear in the text.

**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 I have no competing interests