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The authors I'm afraid only seem to have made a limited response to my comments. What strikes me most on reading the revised document is with respect of the reporting and discussion of findings of their Kanyini Health System Assessment instrument. This framework rests on their elaborate theoretical framework (four major theoretical/guidelines plus additional as well as feedback from earlier analyses in this project). That said it is surprising that the Kanyini Health System Assessment sheet does not seem closely follow the four themes outlined in the first paragraph of Methods arising from these theoretical perspectives or the specific topic areas in the assessment sheet. Even more surprising, the findings do not direct their main attention to whether the findings sustain the theoretical framework. Rather the findings seem much more inductive than this - more based if anything on grounded theory. The authors in their response to my comments argue that their five themes are related to their two theoretical concepts. This may well be true but why then didn't they write-up their Results and Discussion very much more along these lines.