Reviewer's report

**Title:** Healthcare provider knowledge, experience and challenges of reporting adverse events following immunisation: a qualitative study

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Discretionary revisions

1. The only outstanding point is related to the workplace elements. Inserting table 3 is not relevant in this case. Please the authors consider if AEFI reporting in each study institute is influenced by peer practice of colleagues, either the same or different professional cadres, and organization’s policies/protocols for reporting (question #1 and #2 under the theme ‘Workplace’). When these guiding questions were developed, you might have assumptions that individual professionals would report AEFI if most of their colleagues carried out this activity regularly as organizational norm, and that they would do so if related policies had been well established and introduced in their hospitals or health centers. Based on the information obtained in the interviews, could you assess if these assumptions are correct or not? And, why? For instance, the lack of awareness on existing policies/protocols among some practitioners suggests that heads of their organizations might not pay serious attention to monitoring the policy implementation. From different angle, it is also possible that heads of most settings assigned nurses to be responsible for AEFI reporting, and therefore, GPs and specialist consultants in the same institute were not aware of the policies. Scrutinizing these issues will be useful, as it indicates the role of workplace factors which might be as important as individual professional factors in AEFI reporting.

2. Please the authors check if reference #32 is correct. It seems not relevant to the corresponding statement.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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 that I have no competing interests