Reviewer's report

**Title:** Integrated care from the perspectives of patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and their relatives: a qualitative interview study.

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**Reviewer:** Sandeep S Nerkar

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**Overall comment:**
Researchers have taken good effort for this qualitative paper.

- **Major Compulsory Revisions**
  No Major revision.

- **Minor Essential Revisions**
  1. Author should mention the importance of research for COPD for e.g. its prevalence in Denmark, etc. while introducing the subject.
  2. In abstract it should be clear that how many interviews and FGI (Focus group Interviews) had been conducted with patients/relatives.
  3. Your research question was focusing on problems and it should be. So that, one can finds the solutions to those problems. But in first paragraph of result section, you also mention that ‘most patients were satisfied with their care….’ But as your title suggests ‘Integrated care’, I would like to suggest adding few points of care where patients are satisfied.
  4. In discussion section, subtitles can be used like follow ups, patients view on GP, Relational continuity, etc. This will facilitate easy reading.
  5. In Table 1, in subheading ‘number of participants in groups’, it is not clear what is 4+5. Please explain.

- **Discretionary Revisions**

  **Title:** Your study also includes the perspectives of COPD patients’ relative on Integrated care of COPD. If you could make the title like ‘Integrated care from the perspective of patients and their relative on COPD…’ or Perspectives of patients and their relatives on Integrated care of COPD…’ or ‘A qualitative study on integrated care from the perspectives of COPD patients and their relatives’.

**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.