Reviewer's report

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. “triangulated” in the second line of the second paragraph on page 11 needs more detailed description of how this has actually been done.
  2. “…involve rigorous identification of relevant codes” in the fourth line of the first paragraph on page 12 needs more detailed description of how this has actually been done.
  3. the same, “All transcripts were carefully reviewed to judge the solidity of the emerging codes and categories” in the 9th line of the first paragraph on page 12 needs more detailed description of how this has actually been done.
  4. “…even more emphasis was placed on fairness and inclusiveness.” In the 5th line of the second paragraph on page 14, “inclusiveness” should be defined.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. A bracket is missing at the end of the fourth line of the first paragraph on page 17.
  2. The design of Table 1 is incomplete. The name of the column should be given on the top of each column.

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 that I have no competing interests