Reviewer's report

Title: The emotional base of self-care in chronic illness: A qualitative study of the role of health professional support in the self-management of type 2 diabetes.

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Reviewer: Sally Thorne

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Very effective revision, and it much more effectively represents the interpretations these data warrant.

The only blip I noticed was a delightful typo on p. 15, where they refer to "rusted health care professionals." This surely is a new concept that deserves further exploration!

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'