Reviewer's report

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It is mentioned at the beginning of the methods section that the interview guide was based on a priori themes from the literature, but it is not until the data analysis section that the authors then mention the guide was developed in such a way as to allow for emerging themes. I suggest that this appears earlier on in the methods section.

It is not clear who exactly was involved in the analysis or how many of the research team members conducted the analysis. This is important in understanding the credibility and reliability of the findings.

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