Reviewer's report

Title: Transient Ischaemic Attack: a qualitative study of the long term consequences for patients

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This is an interesting study and the information about the population included in the study is now sufficient. Some of the problems that were identified in the first review have not been solved. I think this could be improved by simple means.

Major compulsory revision

It needs to be either discussed that this analysis of long term consequences of TIA stems from a study concerning aspects of prevention or it should be included in the title “Transient Ischaemic Attack: a qualitative study of the long term consequences for patients” and purpose of the study, to “address,…, the long term experiences of life post-TIA….”. In the current version the preventive focus only shows in the methods section where it is stated that participants were prompted to talk about medical, behavioral and lifestyle advice they received. The explanation why counseling and advice occur in the results section is that it was a part for the scope of the study.

Discretionary revisions

The term “theoretical sampling” refers to a procedure of grounded theory. If you do not wish to attach this meaning to your study, I would suggest you use another term. Without the frame of grounded theory we have no means of knowing what you mean by the term. I think that you mean that the analysis indicated that the TIA had specific consequences for people working and for people giving care and that you wanted to add information about these aspects.

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.