Reviewer’s report

Title: 'Sussing that doctor out.' Experiences and perspectives of people affected by hepatitis C regarding engagement with private General Practitioners in South Australia: A qualitative study

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Reviewer: Rebecca Mawson

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Dear Author,

Really interesting to read your manuscript and good to hear the voice of people with HCV who often find it difficult to be heard.

Just a few points;

From the title, I was expecting a deeper delve into health seeking behaviour and personal risk stratification from this group of people - not sure 'calculation of risk & benefit' is quite the right term as sounds quantitative/stats. The article seems more about the experiences and perspectives of barriers to accessing private GP services, including institutionalised and organisational logistics of the setting.

To strengthen the qualitative analysis, addition of a reflexivity discussion covering the points below would be helpful;

- Do you think your background or specialty might lead to a more negative analysis of interview data?

- Was there any bias due to the recruitment process being through DASSA and Hep SA, did this lead to more complex patients or those who find access more difficult primary care services? Were members of the HCV community missed who are already well engaged with primary care providers? I appreciate the difficulty recruiting this group of people and you cannot get a broad diverse group.
These are just minor points that might aid understanding of the negative portrayal of primary care physicians in Southern Australia.

Look forward to reading the final copy,

Best wishes.

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