Reviewer’s report

Title: Advanced practice nurses’ and general practitioners’ first experiences with introducing the advanced practice nurse role to Swiss primary care: a qualitative study

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses a testable research question(s) (brief or other article types: is there a clear objective)?

Yes - there is a clear objective

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No - there are minor issues

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?

No - there are minor issues

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N/A - there are no statistics in this study

INTERPRETATION - Is the current interpretation/discussion of the results reasonable and not overstated?

Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable
OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Is the current version of this work technically sound? If not, can revisions be made to make the work technically sound?

Probably - with minor revisions

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Thanks for the opportunity to review this paper. This is generally a well-written paper which aims to report a qualitative study to explore the experiences of APNs and GPs involved in introducing the APN role to Swiss primary care. I have only a few comments for authors to consider

1. A purposive sampling method was used to recruit the participants. The authors may need to specify on how this was performed? Whether the working experiences, gender were considered when recruiting participants.

2. The sample size determination was not mentioned in the paper, and I believe the main study limitation of the study is the small sample size. Data saturation is the principle to determine the sample size, however, given the current sample size, this is less likely to be achieved. The rationales for not having enough participants need to be provided.

3. Need to details on how the trustworthy and rigor of the study in terms of confirmability, dependability, credibility and transferability were ensured.

4. The findings of the study were basically well presented, but it reads a little lengthy. The authors may need to further make concise of the findings and discussion to make it easier for the readers to follow.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Minor revision

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No
Does the work include the necessary controls?
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No

Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown?
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Yes

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