Reviewer's report

Title: Non-Spouse Companions Accompanying Older Adults to Medical Visits: A Qualitative Analysis

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Reviewer: Sonia Hines

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Thanks for an interesting paper. Please consult the journal's author guidelines for the correct referencing style.

A statement about the research paradigm and theoretical framework would add to the quality of the paper.

It's unclear from the text why churches were chosen as a site for recruitment. The participant selection and setting section lacks description and detail.

I understand that the chronological events were useful for organizing responses from the groups but before, during and after aren't themes, they're the organizing structure for your interview guide. Themes are the patterns across responses important to the description of a phenomenon. I suggest a thorough re-analysis of the data, listening for the actual subjects the participants were concerned about and picking up the narrative threads, integrating their voices into the text, rather than decontextualized in a table. It is very important in this kind of research to let the participants' voices and responses come to the foreground. At the moment this paper reads more like quantitative research. Naming the participants by solely their race and sex seems reductive.

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