Reviewer’s report

Title: A qualitative examination of policy and structural factors driving care workers’ adverse experiences in long-term residential care facilities for older adults in Cape Town

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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)?

No - there are minor issues

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

Statistics - Is the use of statistics in the manuscript appropriate?

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: Overall, this study brings up the voices of an unheard group of care workers. Hence, this is an important study. It is very well written and has a clear purpose that is well demonstrated by the findings and conclusions.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

In the methods section, the authors mentioned that all interviewees had at least 3 years of experience. The range of years of experience should be presented.

Due to the findings, which show a great ambiguity in job demands, maybe the authors should widen the CWs' roles and scope of responsibilities in the literature review. Also, promotion opportunities in this job should be described.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

No

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

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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Yes

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