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There are some flaws as all the missing information on the participants, as only age (in average, not in variability) and sex is reported. Information about their educational level, social network size & quality, religiosity, health or quality of life outcomes should be reported.

In the method section is correctly described the procedure, performed by using the constant comparison technique and the Graneheim and Lundman's qualitative content analysis approach. Is explained how is transcribed the whole interview immediately after conducting it for obtaining a general understanding about it. But steps 3 & 4 of the procedure (Identifying meaning units and primary codes; Categorizing similar codes into main categories) are missed, are not reported as only in table 1 with a summary are described the main themes of the categories.

The main themes of categories found in the paper are the 3 factors of spirituality in older people widely discussed in several publications (inner or personal/meaning, interpersonal or social and transpersonal or transcendence and legacy) but this discussion is not detailed, some recent and important literature contributions in different cultures are missed.

Finally, some minor comments on the table format, or some mistakes in references writing, not important at all, but please check it.

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