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REQUESTED REVISIONS:

Overall this is a small sample study in rural Scotland. Therefore, the generalizability of the results is limited. The author needs to frame the study and interpret the results very carefully to reflect it. Moreover, it is not clear whether the interviews have reached the saturation. The analyses of the transcripts could be done by specialized software. The introduction and discussions can be more succinct and smoother.

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