Author’s response to reviews

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COVER LETTER

Dear Editor

Re: response to reviewer feedback on manuscript.

Thank you for the opportunity to address reviewer #2’s comments. Please find the manuscript and response to the reviewers attached. Changes have been highlighted in the revised submission.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

REVIEWER #1

Comment:
This is now a pleasure to read. All my comments have been addressed. It should be published.

Response:
Thank you - no changes required / made

REVIEWER #2

Comment:
The authors point out that this is a qualitative study and thus the manner in which table 1 is presented is appropriate. I am not disputing that this is how it is produced in some papers, but the goal of any data display is to allow the reader to easily interpret the data through the visual display. I hope it was not misinterpreted that I was requesting statistical analyses to be performed. My goal was to aid the authors in getting their message across more seamlessly when their audience reads the content of the tables presented. In 2013, in the *international journal of qualitative methods* Verdinelli reviewed data displays from several qualitative studies and highlighted that "Data display in a graphic format is a way of portraying information succinctly and efficiently, illustrating details provided in longer textual information. Visual displays provide a multidimensional space to organize data and show connections between different pieces of relevant data". With that said, I recommend organizing the table(s) in a manner that allows the reader to easily interpret the message it was intended to portray.

Response:
An additional findings table has been added – Table 3: Characteristics of participant experience (p.8, lines 167-168). This table includes the information requested in the first and second review.