Reviewer’s report

Title: Under the banyan tree - exclusion and inclusion of people with mental disorders in rural North India

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This article is well written

Minor essential revision -

1. It would be nice to mention the approach to research such as descriptive, ethnography, phenomenology etc as a theoretical underpinning of the research.

2. It would be better to mention the qualification of authors in qualitative research (e.g. trained\experienced in qualitative research)

3. The details as how transcripts were prepared, how field notes were taken would be nice

4. Please follow some guidelines for reporting qualitative research (for example Consolidated Criteria for reporting qualitative research)

5. In discussion, it would be better to mention the ethical issues faced and the way it is addressed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests