Reviewer’s report

Title: Living with type 1 diabetes is challenging for Zambian adolescents: qualitative data on ways of coping, stress, stigma and quality of life

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How many people were approached to get a final number of 22 i.e. how many people refused to participate?

How were the semi-structured interviews piloted on potential participants prior to use?

Were people with diabetes involved in designing the semi-structured interviews?

Data analysis – repetition about transcription with paragraphs above. Could delete this sentence.

Results – it would be helpful to report how many of the adolescents reported data relevant to the themes e.g. stressors – how many participants experienced discrimination etc? How many felt they lacked family support? I appreciate this is a qualitative study however it would be helpful to know a bit more detail.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of competing interests