Reviewer's report

Title: "I have got diabetes!" - interviews of patients newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes

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Reviewer: Nancy Sohler

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This is an important manuscript. I have a few comments/suggestions for the authors:

1. It is not clear to me why some text is italicized. I think this is not common practice for this journal and should be reconsidered.

2. There are several grammatical errors in the manuscript (e.g., "The health care staff and specifically the physician is obliged...(line35)), which should be corrected.

3. Along the same lines, typically when abbreviations are used, they are presented in parentheses after the words/phrases that they represent the first time, and then the abbreviations alone used throughout. Abbreviations and their explanations are inconsistently used/explained in this manuscript.

4. Paragraph 3 (starting with line 35) would benefit from referring to the published literature on these topics and I am unsure of how the statement about biomarkers (paragraph 4) is relevant. However, there have been several quantitative studies published on the topic of patients' views of their diagnoses. I suggest the authors review this literature and explain why their study is needed.

5. It looks like the authors followed the methodology (analysis) appropriately and systematically, but it could be explained a little more clearly. (What are meaning units? What is a code group? How does this differ from a theme? What are subcategories? Categories?)

6. The discussion starts with an important statement that I didn't at first see in the data: "...the majority of the interviewees did not express many feelings or had made no important changes in life after their diabetes diagnosis..." I am a little confused about the organization of the discussion section and suggest the authors organize their discussion around main themes. I would work the "findings compared with other studies" into the prior discussion section.

7. Several statements in the discussion should be referenced (e.g., physicians expect that patients should react more strongly").

8. I was unable to download supplementary material.
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