Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Kirsten Coppell

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This qualitative paper has been revised and most of the reviewers' comments have been addressed with appropriate changes made to the manuscript. Where changes have not been made to the text, this has been adequately explained and justified. The paper would still benefit from a final edit by a competent English writer as there are still a number of grammatical errors, and the choice of some words and phrases are those typically used by a native English speaker. E.g. page 18, line 9 - "The patients have to be approached individually after penetrating their personal wishes and preferences." A better word choice for 'penetrating' would be 'expressing'.

A few specific comments follow.

* For the length of the interview in table 1, the number of minutes would be better recorded as whole numbers.

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Reviewer 1

4) The aim has been more clearly worded but it needs to include the aspect which focuses on patients' reactions to the risk of developing complications of diabetes

7) The target blood pressure should read 'less than 140/85 mmHg' not '145/85 mmHg' as per the reference.

13) It would be of value to include the whole translated interview schedule as a supplementary document.

23) The addition in relation to lifestyle changes refers to physical activity only. Please also include dietary advice.
Reviewer 2

2) As noted above, although the grammar is better, there are still grammatical errors.

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