Reviewer’s report

Title: Perceptions about trust: A phenomenographic study of clinical supervisors in occupational therapy

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Reviewer: Masahiro Ogawa

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The authors researched an important subject in the clinical education for occupational therapists. Forming trust between clinical supervisors and students with appropriate risk management be able to lead to successful clinical education. However, I have a few comments.

Comments:

1) The results should be necessary to be improved for readers' understanding because of a lack of information. Please address how long you interviewed them and how many cords you obtained from interview transcript. Moreover, I couldn't evaluate the process of qualitative analysis. Please show structure of the results, because I couldn't understand how you made groups of the cords and named them.

2) I think that relationship between supervisor and school teacher to lead to successful clinical education are important. In this paper, you didn't write anything about school teachers. I'm curious why you make no mention of them. Please address.

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