Reviewer’s report

Title: Advanced Nurse Practitioners in municipal healthcare as a way to meet the growing healthcare needs of the frail elderly: A qualitative interview study with managers, doctors and specialist nurses

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A welcome contribution to continuity of care for the frail aged,

The following changes are suggested

- Abstract results, suggest replace the word 'dare to take' with 'consider taking'. Revisit sentence structure and grammar Sentence 1 of Conclusion.
- Background, need a reference for statement line 10 p 2 ending in 'this vulnerable group.'
- Line 57 p2 replace usually been the responsibility, with 'has historically been the responsibility'......
- Line 4 p3, what are ECTs? Explain the next two lines more clearly also.
- Line 61 p3 ......'needs for nursing care'

Results- Role of ANP to satisfy the frail elderly needs, across the two quotes are 4 important points which need highlighting, quality, safety, care continuity and person centredness.

line 44p 6 is ordinating coordinating or ordering?

Discussion- discussion on doctors and managers' views is based on very little data, 3 quotes from 4 doctors, and 4 quotes from 6 managers, more evidence is needed to support the arguments.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 11 should be revised for flow, sentence structure and readability.

Limitations, write in the past tense, remove discussion on transferability for this method
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