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1) The manuscript failed to describe for setting up the research panel from which how many members included in the research team for monitoring the entire research process.
2) The author violated "the policy of blanket anonymization". It was evidenced in the line 147 that the names of some research members (Thompson and McClement) disclosed in the data analysis to reviewers.
3) The format of all quotes was seen an unclear source. For example, in the line 176 [HCA04], it only indicated the quote coming from the participant [HCA04], but it did not show which part of the transcription. It is recommended to write like this: for example, [HCA04: 17], [HCA04: 17], the number of 17 after the colon punctuation mark indicated the source is coming from the 17th conversation record of the HCA04's transcription.
4) No stringent proofreading was seen before submitting the manuscript. The reason is that typo error of 'combining" was found in the line 282. It should be combing instead of combining.

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