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Cover letter: point-by-point response to the reviewers’ comments
Revisions of “Patients’ experiences with the advanced practice nurse role in Swiss family practices: a qualitative study” (NURS-D-20-00291).

Dear Dr. Konstantinos Antypas

Sincerest thanks. Our modifications are documented below:

Editor Comments: Konstantinos Antypas

1. Please remove the age and gender from the quotes included in the results section of your manuscript. This is to ensure participant anonymity.

Response: We agree and changed the results section accordingly.

2. Please clarify whether formal ethics approval was waived by the ethics committee

Response: We tried to specify: “A jurisdictional inquiry from the Ethics Committee Northwest/Central Switzerland EKNZ (Req-2019-01039) confirmed that this research project does not need ethical approval but fulfils the general ethical and scientific standards for research with humans.” (Line 478-481)

3. We notice that authors CM and SE are missing from the authors' contributions section. The individual contributions of all authors to the manuscript should be specified in the Authors’ Contributions section.
Response: We agree that these two authors were missing from the authors’ contribution section. We have changed it as follows:

“NS carried out the research and conception of the study in close cooperation with SG. All authors contributed to the data collection. Interviews were transcribed, analysed and interpreted by NS and discussed with SG. All authors reviewed the drafts of the manuscript, gave comprehensive feedback and approved the final manuscript.” (Lines 500-503)

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Luzern, September 09, 2020