Author’s response to reviews

Title: Factors Affecting Medication Adherence: Patient Perspectives from Five Veterans Affairs Facilities

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
Dear Ms. Valencia,

Thank you so much for these reviews. We appreciated the reviewers taking the time to provide their feedback and are pleased that they found the paper well written and worthy of publication. We have reviewed the suggestions provided and made revisions where appropriate. Below is a detailed response to each of the suggestions with an explanation of how we addressed each comment that required revision to the paper.

Please let me know if we can do anything further to ensure that the paper meets the specifications and requirements of your journal

Thank you again for your consideration and patience.

Thank you,

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Reviewer 1

Reviewer: charu grover
Reviewer's report: It is a well written paper but needs a few minor changes.

Thank you!

Few suggestions for your consideration.

1. It would be good to have conclusion and discussion sections.

The section headers were revised to include a discussion and conclusion. It appears that there was a formatting error or a misunderstanding about the journal specification and the discussion and conclusion sections was labeled together as the “conclusion.” Hopefully this revision addresses your concern and still complies with the journal requirements.

2. Methods section can be represented by a diagram. Clarify the coding and good to add few important questions as a table in the methods section.
A diagram (Figure 1) was added that summarizes the coding process. A sentence was added toward the bottom of page 9 that references the new figure that reads: Figure 1 summarizes this process.

A new table (Table 1. Example Questions from Focus Group Guide) was added per the reviewers suggestion. A sentence was added on page 9 to explain the new table that reads: Table 1 provides selected question from the focus group guide to illustrate the types of topics discussed. Also Table 1 has not been renumbered as Table 2.

3. Quotation marks are missing where text has been taken from the patient interview.

We closely reviewed the manuscript and did not find quotations from the focus groups that were missing quotations marks. The only exception to this was the indented text for quotes longer than 4 lines. We reviewed several style guides and all of them stated that when quotations are indented that quotation marks should not be used. Please let us know if there are quotes embedded in the text missing quotation marks that we have missed or is the journal would like them formatted differently.

Reviewer 2

Reviewer: Dominik Ose

Reviewer's report:
This is a well written and interesting article about factors affecting medication adherence.

Thank you. We are pleased that you found the article of interest.