Reviewer's report

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Minor Essential Revision

When assessing information that has been elicited via semistructured interviews and subsequently subjected to data analysis and, finally, synthesis and summary, it is important to distinguish between findings and the cues and prompts used by interviewers. Issues and themes mentioned by interviewees may to a certain extent be primed by the terms and concepts used by interviewers. This is unavoidable and does not thereby impugn the reliability and quality of results.

I believe the paper lacks a - possibly short - description of what the authors have called the "interview schedule". How were the themes introduced to interviewees, which concepts or terms were used? This might possibly be supplied in an appendix.

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'