Reviewer's report

Title: Successful collaboration in dementia care from the perspectives of healthcare professionals and informal carers in Germany. Results from a focus group study.

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Minor Essential Revisions

Title: The title describes the content of the article

Abstract: Well formulated abstract. The author might consider to remove the references to Germany that are made twice in the conclusion as I think the findings in this study are of current interest also in other countries.

Background: The background is well described and gives a reasonable justification for the study.

Methods: The participants and recruitment is described both in methods and results. I like to suggest that this description is made under methods as I find it a little confusing the way it is repeated in results. As the participants also are described in table 1 and 2 I think the description in the text is too detailed.

Results: I find the presentation of the qualitative data from the focus group interviews logically organized and supported by illustrative quotations. However, some of the quotations are a little bit confusing and might be shortened. I suggest the following:

page 11, line 287 - the quotation could start with....I often think...

page 13, line 341 - the quotation could start with it's like collecting... (remove line 339 and 340)

Page 15, line 401-404 - this quotation is difficult to understand

page 16, line 426-433 - is it possible to make this quotation shorter and more to the point?

page 17, line 453-456 - also a little bit unclear quotation

page 18, line 470-472 - I suggest that the quotation starts with: .... we've got to know.(line 471)...and stops after ....eyes to one another (line 472)

page 19, line 515-520 - also a long quotation - possible to make shorter?

Discussion: central aspects of the findings are discussed properly and the strengths and limitations of the study are clearly stated

Conclusion: well funded in the findings

I recommend that the authors should consider to revise the manuscript based on
the comments I have made and be accepted for publication

**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:**

No competing interests