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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1. Major Compulsory Revisions

The purpose of this study was to explore the views of HCP and informal carers of persons with dementia regarding successful collaboration (1) between HCP and informal carers and (2) among HCP and to describe the factors that impede or facilitate collaboration. The derived categories were three themes: collaboration between HCP and informal carers, collaboration among HCP and the impact of the environment.

1) The authors were intended to explore more specific barriers to and facilitators of good collaboration in the German context. Also, The authors conducted a secondary analysis. There needs to be mention of concrete discussion in the German context focusing on initial intent. The authors should add the differentiated views comparing with various situations.

2) In trustworthiness, the authors need to explain principles and criteria used to select participant to ensure dependability so that transferability can be assessed. A discussion of the truthworthiness of the analysis should be provided based on a defined set of criteria.

3) In group dynamics, please document how to involve one silent nurse in the discussion.

4) The purpose of formulating categories is to provide a means of describing the phenomenon. In findings, the authors should consider the abstraction level of subcategories and relationship between subcategories and generic categories.

2. Minor Essential Revisions

1) Background

page 4, last paragraph: There is a spelling mistake; From, of persons with?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published
**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.