Reviewer’s report

Title: Qualitative interviews with diabetic and hypertensive patients attending public sector primary health care services in South Africa: Do their experiences of care meet their motivation needs for effective self-management?

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Major compulsory revisions:

1. The fact that the participants were either Afrikaans or Xhosa speaking is stated in the methods section, however it is not specifically stated that the interviews and short questionnaires were in English. Add this to the methods section. Arising from this what measures were put in place to ensure that the participants understood the English in the interviews as English was not their first language.

Minor Essential revisions:

2. Correct the punctuation in line 280.
3. Line 117. It seems the word agency should have been urgency?
4. Line 119. There is no need to capitalize Motivational Interviewing.
5. In the reference list – add the URL (web site) for reference number 7.

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'