Reviewer’s report

Title: Looking behind the scenes. - A qualitative perspective on barriers to evidence-based practice in patient counseling and advocacy in Germany.

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The manuscript has been improved significantly. However, there are a few more issues/revisions/corrections that need to be addressed.

In the methods section the authors mention that the interviews were based on a systematic review of the literature. Did they conduct a formal systematic review or are they referring to a traditional review of the literature used to inform the design of the interview guides. There is a big difference between the 2. Suggest they remove the word "systematic".

Also in methods: when authors use the work "contextualize the barriers" do they mean to organize the barriers?

There is mention of barriers to EBP and KT. The research was on barriers to EBP not to KT. KT is about the processes involved in implementing EBP. So KT subsumes EBP. Suggest delete KT.

Limitations section: when authors mention larger sample in a subsequent study, do they mean a more representative sample? one that would include various other stakeholders?

In minor changes: #3 was not addressed/revised in the revised version.

Formatting: please go through the paper carefully there are numerous typos and punctuation errors. (e.g. analysis section has several of these)

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:

none