Reviewer's report

Title: Boundaries and conditions of interpretation in multilingual and multicultural elderly healthcare

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Review:
-relevant article with fresh new finding on interpreting in elderly health care.
-well written, but far too long: authors have included too many citations, which is sometimes repeating what has already been said.
-authors mention repeatedly that professional interpreting is word-by-word translation. It is already long known for other research (Wadensho - Sweden; Bot - Netherlands) that interpreting processes are much more than translating word-by-word; and not always that: it is a complex and interactive process. Authors should be more critical about this issue, not just in the discussion section.
-some comments on practice implications are missing.

Recommendation: major revision