Reviewer's report

Title: Why do older people with multi-morbidity require emergency admissions to hospital from the community: a root cause analysis.

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Reviewer: Sherry Dahlke

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I have reviewed the article: Why do older people with multi-morbidity emergency admissions to hospital from the community: a root cause analysis. It is well written and an important contribution to older adult care. The authors made a good case for the study, clearly identified their study method and their results. The revisions I would suggest are as follows:

1) in the abstract line 10 with the sentence starting with Using. I think it would be clearer if the numbers of participants were indicated first.
2) line 34. What is meant by separations?
3) page 105 discusses how individuals other than patients were included. Please comment if consent was obtained from them?
4) sentence on page 185 beginning with Hence is abit awkward? meaning is not clear
5) line 189 sentence beginning with finding appears to support is unclear. I would suggest deleting" strong enough incentives to foster"