Reviewer’s report

Title: How do occupational rehabilitation clinicians approach participants on long-term sick leave in order to facilitate return to work? - A focus-group study.

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Reviewer's report:

This review was performed in collaboration with PhD-candidate Nina Klevanger.

We think that the revised manuscript has been improved. However, grammar and syntax should be improved throughout the article, and we suggest that the authors consider a language editing service.

Specific comments

Several places the authors use the term "stakeholders" in some form, either alone or "local stakeholders" or "external stakeholders" or "key stakeholders (which is exemplified) or "multi-stakeholder". Please clarify what stakeholder means and what the difference between the various stakeholders are (particularly local vs external; if they in fact are different).

L82: "... as acceptance and commitment therapy (20)". Consider including Fimland et al. 2014 BMC public health or Aasdahl et al. 2017 JOOR, as these studies use ACT in occupational rehabilitation in Norway.

L90: suggest to include a reference to the case-management ecological model.

L106: Ref 32 is a comprehensive book - should a specific chapter be cited?

Data collection: it is stated that 4 focus group interviews were conducted simultaneously, but in Authors` contributions it is stated that three of the authors were moderators and two were co-moderators - how does this add up?

L180: "Basic mapping of the participants` life world is mentioned, but in the Results (L193) "..thorough interdisciplinary mapping process" is used. Are they the same thing?

L239-241: Consider shortening

L270: NAV probably "refer" patients rather than "admit"?
L560: It is not clear what is meant by "…see analogies between their situation and other life areas".

L603: Please reword to make more sense: "…, which make RTW challenging for both the clinicians and their participants."

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