Reviewer’s report

Title: Emerging Roles and Competencies of District and Sub-district Pharmacists: a Case Study from Cape Town

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Reviewer: Vera Lucia Luiza

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The theme is relevant and important, I congratulate authors for this work. Nevertheless, some adjustments are suggested:

Major compulsory revisions
My main concerns are in regards to the Method, where some clarifications are required:
Semi-structure interviews and focal groups guides should be provided as additional files.
Please, provide more details on the operational procedures: were the interviews and focal group sessions recorded and transcribed? How many people participated in the focal group sessions?
Please, provide more details on documents review: e.g. search process, inclusion criteria.
Also, provide more details on analysis.
I could see that no conflict of interest was identified, but the position of authors in relation to interviewees and focal group participants should be informed.

Minor essential revisions
A mixed citation system is being used (Vancouver and author-year) - please, standardize.
I think that Table 2 could have a better format, with categories in a column and roles of district and sub-district pharmacists indicated with an "X".
I think that Table 3 is a Box rather than a Table.
All illustrations titles should be completed.

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 have no conflict of interests