**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** The evolution of the National Licensing System of Health Care Professionals: A qualitative descriptive case study in Laos

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**Reviewer:** Sharon Brownie

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Manuscript is much improved to earlier versions and submissions.

Section re research method needs clarification and consistent description. For example:

Abstract describes use of 'A qualitative case study methodology'

Line 34, page 5 refers to a 'qualitative study methodology'

Method is most like 'qualitative descriptive case study' methodology.

Authors could usefully refer to Baxter et al 2008 and Starman 2013.


Starman, A. (2013). The case study as a type of qualitative research. Journal of Contemporary Educational Studies, (1), 28043

Authors should then consider adjusting the manuscript accordingly, for example Line 13, page 11 simply states 'This study'… suggested that this is adjusted to "This qualitative descriptive case study ……"'

Re ethics approval - Line 29, page 13. Authors declare that interviews were conducted in an ethical manner; however, no formal ethics clearance was obtained for this study. Recommended that the editor determine if this is consequential or otherwise to the publication of this manuscript.

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