Reviewer's report

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions: Information on ethical clearance need to be included. Also a description of the data collection using qualitative method should be adequately described. If data was obtained through interviews, was an interview guide used? Who conducted the interview? How many respondents were interviewed and for how long? The authors need to state clearly the dates the meetings were held and also how long each of the meetings lasted. They also need to state the participant selection criteria and how many individuals participated in each of the meetings.

2. Minor Essential Revisions: No references were made in the "principal findings" section of the Discussion. Many of the statements made need to be attributed to references.

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:

No competing interest