Reviewer’s report

Title: Novel methods of qualitative analysis for health policy research

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Reviewer: Katy Sutcliffe

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This appears to be an interesting and novel method for research but I am unable to provide detailed comments on the method as I found it very difficult to understand the article; there appears to be a significant problem with regards to the fluency of English language.

The language issues did not only affect my ability to read and understand the article, I believe they may also have affected the research conducted to demonstrate the method. For example, the term 'Institutionalized Bioethics Committees' is used and I'm not certain that the term 'Institutionalized' is used correctly. The term is also used in the searches conducted on Medline - and resulted in very few hits. The authors note that it is surprising that 'im-portant social and philosophical concepts such as Institutionalization/ethics ... are at the low end of the spectrum'. I think this may be because the term in English does not reflect what the authors intended it to.

I would suggest that the authors take considerable care to edit the article to improve the accuracy of English and then resubmit so that reviewers are able to make a clear assessment of the merits of the approach.

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