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Title: How do stakeholders from multiple hierarchical levels of a large provincial health system define engagement? A qualitative study

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Thank you for your thoughtful reviews.

Reviewer reports:
Associate editor's comment: Please could the authors address the comment made by the reviewer. Also some clarification is needed as to what the second type of engagement refers to "engagement centred on relevant issues" is very general and some indication of what the relevant issues actually are is required.

- We agree that this description was too vague in the abstract. We have revised to "Second, engagement centered on a shared decision-making process about an important issue to everyone “around the table,” those who are most impacted by the issue."

Also the manuscript should be thoroughly proof read with very close attention paid to grammar and sentence construction/syntax.
- We have closely copy edited.
Reviewer #3: In my opinion, modifications done in structure of results in the text and table are satisfying. Figure 1 is of great interest and an added value to the manuscript. However, definition provided on page 18 should be revised, as it is too long and quite confusing. The new formulation should be proposed in the abstract as well.

- We have shortened the definition on page 18, and added it to the abstract: "active and committed decision making about a meaningful problem through respectful interactions and dialogue where everyone’s voice is considered."