Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Geoff Wong

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Thank you for taking the time to so carefully make the necessary revisions.

There are just two very minor points I hope you will address:

Lines 110 to 114:
Despite the revisions to this section, it is still a little confusing and it may just be best to not go into such detail.
As such I would suggest just stating "Realist reviews are based on a realist philosophy of science [36-38]."
People may then look up references 36 to 38 if they wish to learn more.

Lines 353 to 354:
There is a typo here.
Also, you should use the same realist logic of analysis to analyse your interview data.
In other words your interview data should be analysed in exactly the same way as the data from your documents. I would suggest that you just treat an interview transcript in the same way you would a document you have decided to include in your review.

Good luck with your realist review!

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