Reviewer’s report

Title: Psychosocial Support for Parents of Extremely Preterm Infants in Neonatal Intensive Care: A Qualitative Interview Study

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Reviewer: Margarida C. Santos

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Congratulations, this new version is far more explicit and much easier to read. You have achieved to be more concise without losing important information.

At this moment I will suggest only minor reviews
Please consider the following suggestions

Line132 - "This interview study therefore aimed to answer the following questions" . Consider referaming into "This study aimed to answer the following questions"

Line 216- (…) "about how the parents were feeling. But emotional support could also be transmitted through" . Consider removing the word "But"

Line 281 -282" (…) The participants also expressed a need for emotional support from staff in the form of an empathic and humane style of communication, irrespective of what was being talked about. Consider rephrasing. The expression "what is being talked about" is confusing.

Line 307- 308 "(…) social support that many participants described as valuable, sometimes indispensable, was that offered by other parents on the unit. Consider adding "was the one offered by …"

Line 309-310 (…) often described as something that had to be experienced to be fully understood, and this understanding could be found in other parents." Consider the sentence

Line 623 (…) Some participants in our study expressed the opinion that identifying parents in need of professional psychological help is outside the purview of nursing staff." Is not fully understood what you mean by "purview". I recommend to be more explicit

Moreover, your study provides important data on the parental need for "trust". Trust is an a complex, important and difficult issue in health care. It would enrich your paper if the need for trust was further considered in the discussion of your results.
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