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"Self-reported integration as a proxy for measuring acculturation: A qualitative study."  
Original Submission

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This is a well written manuscript focused on a unique population. Concerns regard the methods used for this study. Initially 15 persons are interviewed by the author in an indepth manner for 1.5 hours in their home or other place of convenience. The authors indicate that after the initial analyses were completed, 15 telephone interviews were conducted to validate the findings.

Comments to Author:

These interviews were conducted with participants who had previously contacted the authors about the study and who were not included in the initial qualitative interviews. Additional information is needed regarding the rationale for inclusion of participants who were initially not included (i.e. why were they excluded) and for the difference in qualitative methods (i.e. telephone interview versus face-to-face) for validation of findings. This variation in methods may have effected results. Another concern regards the heterogeneity of the group that is listed as a strength of the study. Perhaps this would have been a strength if the sample had been larger than 15 participants however with inclusion of males, females, age ranges including young and older adults and persons who had lived in Sweden for varying amounts of time it seems this is more of a limitation. Perhaps the authors would consider discussion of findings by gender, age and length of residence in Sweden to facilitate a more indepth discussion of findings.

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