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Date Manuscript Received: 21.04.18	Date Manuscript Review Submitted: 09.05.18
Manuscript Title: <i>Patients' perceptions of health information given by nurses and clinicians at discharge at Chiradzulu District Hospital in Malawi, sub-Saharan Africa</i>	
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Evaluation Criteria:

Please give each evaluation item a numeric rating on a 5-point scale, along with an explanation for each point rating.

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Rating Result</i> [Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]
1. The title is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article. <i>Has more words, the last part, sub-Saharan Africa can be removed</i>	3
2. The abstract clearly presents objects, methods and results. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Title and abstract not corresponding, the abstract has included nurses, clinicians' perceptions in the aim, and even guardians as participants, it could have been better if focus was on one group.</i> • <i>Separate the research design and data collection approach, it is not specified</i> • <i>The conclusion is a summary of the findings, revisit this part to include recommendations</i> 	2
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<i>The content in the body is not well organized. There is more information presented without following the guidelines for presenting qualitative data i.e. no themes categorized. As a result, it is difficult for the reader to follow the article.</i>	
6. The conclusions or summary are accurate and supported by the content.	3
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<i>APA recommends indenting of second line.. which has not been done</i> <i>No numbering of items in the reference list</i>	

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Accepted, no revision needed	
Accepted, minor revisions needed	
Return for major revision and resubmission	X
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Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

The paper is informative to nursing practice in Malawi, as issues of patients and health education at discharge is overlooked yet it is an important area for quality health care.

However, the information presented in this manuscript is difficulty to follow because of a mix of issues. The author should revisit the manuscript to follow guidelines for presenting qualitative data for publication

There is a need to identify themes in the data for easy follow up by the readers.

Author should choose, whether to present findings for patients’ and guardians perception only, other than combining with healthcare providers.

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