

Review of: "Search for Meaning in the Professional Projects of Seniors at the End of Their Careers: an Interpretative Phenomenological Study"

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Thank you for the possibility to read your manuscript, with the aim of exploring the impact of perceived and sought-after meaning in life and work on seniors' final career choices. It is an interesting manuscript, but it needs to be further developed and I hope that the comments below will help you.

INTRODUCTION

Why is this study important? Please write a motivation based on a clear knowledge gap in the introduction.

Please avoid abbreviations such as CSA, INSEE, DARES.

You write that the 55-64 age group is the main age group for working seniors, why do you choose to study people aged 50 and over?

People who are 50 today is born 1973 not 1983.

Please describe what second career interviews mean.

Sometimes references are missing after statements in the introduction.

What's the difference between methodology and method? Maybe you can delete the heading methodology.

METHOD

Usually you do not use hypotheses in qualitative studies.

What are the different steps in the Interpretive Phenomenological Analysis? Please describe and use the same concepts consistently (now you use different concepts throughout the results and table 2). You need to avoid an unknown abbreviation i.e., IPA.

Did you have three participants? Why have you chosen three? How might it have affected trustworthiness? Please discuss this more than you have done. Are all three women? One is described as a man in table 1 and called he sometimes in the text.

How were the participants informed about the study? How did you find them? How did you select them?

RESULTS

Do you have three participants called Emelie, Edwige and Marie? If that is correct who is Tia? What does Bac+4 mean?

If you have done an interpretive analysis, why do you have so many quotes?

2.4 Who are we, you or the participants, please clarify. Please avoid your own thoughts in the result section.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Do not repeat information in the discussion that you have given earlier, for example in the first paragraph.

The discussion is very short and would benefit from development. In the discussion and in the conclusion, you mention work-life balance, based on what in your results can you draw that conclusion? Please clarify. I don't understand on what in your results you can draw conclusions on the participants health (second paragraph in the discussion), please clarify or delete.

The third paragraph in the conclusion needs to be moved to the discussion.

Please also develop the limitation section and discuss especially what you have done to enhance trustworthiness and the limitations in your study (the findings of a qualitative study can never be generalized).