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### PART 2:

#### FINAL EVALUATOR’S comments on revised paper (if any)

1. **Methodology**
   - Pay attention on headings and sub-headings especially in the methodology
   - Research approach: What kind of qualitative research used and which author?
   - It could be phenomenology or qualitative content analysis???
   - Research setting
     - sampling strategy
     - inclusion or exclusion criteria
     - consider table re profile of the participants
   - Research tool used
   - Data collection process
   - Data analysis
   - Ethical considerations: Add in the ethics approval number

2. **Findings**
   - Add in an introductory sentence outlining the number of themes or categories and sub categories etc
   - Besides, pay attention on numbering of headings and sub-headings
   - L146: Findings or results instead of Results and discussion

3. **Discussion**
   - Critique of literature – which researchers agree or disagree with your study and why?
   - LS39-546 to be removed it is seemed like recommendation
   - LS 49-552 second sentence on male involvement to be removed

4. **References**
   - It is mandatory to have full stop at the end of each reference.

#### Authors’ response to final evaluator’s comments

Thank you for the feedback on the manuscript. The manuscript has been revised in line with the comments of the reviewer. The highlights of the revisions are listed below:

1. **Methodology**
   - The headings and sub-headings in the methodology have been reviewed and re-numbered accordingly.
   - The sub-headings in the methodology section have been revised to include the following:
     1. Research setting
     2. Research participants
     3. Ethical considerations: The ethics approval number has been included in the manuscript

2. **Findings**
   - The Results section and the Discussion section have been separated in line with the feedback from the reviewer
   - An introductory sentence has been included in the result section outlining the number of themes

3. **Discussion**
   - The literature has been critiqued highlighting areas of agreement and disagreement between this study and other similar studies conducted in the past.

4. **References**
   - A full stop has been included at the end of every reference.