

### **Editor's Comment:**

After careful perusal of the revisions done by the author/s as per the recommendations of the external evaluators, I hereby recommend the paper for further revisions and clarifications from the reviewers and the authors the ff. important points before acceptance of the paper for publication.

1. The conceptual framework used was IV-DV. This may be incorrect because this is typically a framework for quantitative studies where independent variables are considered predictors while the dependent variable is the outcome variable (variable being predicted).
2. The phenomenological research design as stated does not jive well with the conceptual framework. If indeed, the study is qualitative, have the conceptual framework presented operationally/methodologically. Otherwise, this is a mixed method but need to choose what type (sequential exploratory, sequential explanatory, or convergent parallel).
3. Revisit the research design. If you will stick with IV-DV, need to add a statement of the problem that requires regression analysis (which of the IVs predicts the DV or the outcome variable,
4. Have the paper undergo stylistic editing to check the overall face validity.

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