**Supplementary material:** Subjectivity statement

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| LM did a PhD in Health Psychology under the supervision of AU on the adaptation of patients living with CKD and their family members, with an interest in kidney replacement therapy decision-making and family influence on this process. This article presents results from her PhD thesis. Badr & Acitelli’s model (2017) regarding dyadic adjustment and Légaré et al.’s model (2011) on shared decision-making are the theoretical cornerstones of this project.  She has an interest in relationships, in particular family and those between patients, their caregivers and their healthcare providers. In terms of theoretical background, LM is interested in systems theory and dyadic adjustment to a chronic illness. This may have influenced the focus on family in her interpretation of the data.  It is noteworthy that she was surprised so few relatives she interviewed acknowledged an influence on decision-making.  She was introduced to statistical text analyses (including the Alceste method) by researchers in both psychology and linguistics. This explains her interest and focus on for grammatical markers in participants’ discourse. |