Reviewer's report

Title: Physical activity in pregnancy: a qualitative study of the beliefs of overweight and obese pregnant women

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This is an interesting and timely paper.
The paper is generally well written and my comments are minor.

Minor essential revisions

1. Although the Theory of Planned Behaviour, as a conceptual framework, is appropriate, the theoretical approach to qualitative investigation was not clear. It was therefore difficult to assess the methodology and appropriateness of the methods. For example, what informed the sample size? Was there a need for data saturation? Was bracketing used and/or appropriate? How was trustworthiness assessed? Did researcher reflexivity occur and how? What steps were taken to ensure rigour (e.g. audit trail).

2. It would be useful to have a little more information on the larger study.

3. Given that there is a dearth of literature in this area, it may be useful to read and reference Dr Chris Furber’s work (Midwifery Journal).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests