Reviewer's report

Title: Fear causes tears - Perineal injuries in home birth settings. A Swedish interview study.

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Reviewer: Lorna Wood

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Discretionary Revisions:
1. Some explanation for the rationale for the use of qualitative methodology.
2. A discussion of the philosophical theory underpinning the methodology within the methods section.
3. References not all in italics:
   Ref 12, 14, 17, 18
4. Ref 20 should be in capitals for Midwifery & Health
5. Ref 23 Vard I Norden - is this a journal?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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.