Reviewer's report

Title: Professionals' views of fetal monitoring during labour: A systematic review and thematic analysis

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Is the question posed original, important and well defined?
This subject is timely and appropriate

Are the data sound and well controlled?
The management of the data is clearly described and tabled in a comprehensive manner

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the data?
The discussion is comprehensive as it stands.
However my personal interest in the subject area leads me to believe that many professional and discursive papers that have technology as a key word may offer further insights and interpretation.
This is not essential.

Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to allow others to evaluate and/or replicate the work?
Clear inclusion, exclusion criteria are detailed and well explained in the text. I have some reservations about the exclusion of technology but can live with this

Can the writing, organization, tables and figures be improved?
The abstract is succinct and based on data analysis
The conclusion is totally inappropriate as a conclusion and needs to be revised and cut back considerably with more emphasis on the discussion