Reviewer's report

Title: 'Being in a womb' or 'playing musical chairs': the impact of place and space on infant feeding in NICUs

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This is an extremely well written manuscript that reports of the findings of qualitative study that examined a unique aspect of mother-infant relationships; the influence of time and place on feeding experiences. The manuscript makes a unique contribution to our understanding of the impact of the environment on the parents of infants in neonatal intensive care units. I have a few suggestions for improvement of the manuscript:

1. Page 8, the report of the number of hours of observations and interviews for the different sites would be easier to compare in a Table.
2. It is unclear what the purpose of the observations of staff were and how they were analyzed.
3. Page 19, should say 33rd week, at end of middle paragraph
4. Table one, please include percentages with the number for each item

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 I have no competing interests