Reviewer’s report

Title: Risk of future cardiovascular disease in women with prior preeclampsia: a focus group study

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This manuscript reports results of 5 telephone-based focus groups conducted in order to investigate whether women with a history of preeclampsia are aware of the association between preeclampsia and future cardiovascular disease and to gauge their attitudes toward a lifestyle modification program.

The manuscript is clear, well written and easy to follow. I have only discretionary revisions, see below:

Discretionary Revisions

Table 1 – it would be more informative to provide the median and range for number of years since last pregnancy with preeclampsia.

Was any data indicative of socio-economic status collected such as profession, education or income. If so authors should consider adding it to Table 1.

Similarly, did participants provide any details regarding their web connectivity and usage habits. This is relevant since one of the aims was determine attitudes toward a web based intervention.

My only more substantial comment is that I would have welcomed a more detailed and perhaps critical discussion of the potential implications of the recruitment methods to the themes identified in the focus groups and their attitudes toward a web-based intervention. Whilst I realize that this is somewhat outside the scope of this paper, authors may consider expanding their comments to touch on potential future web-based interventions.

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.