Reviewer's report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions.
I believe that this study deals with an important topic, but do feel, however, that the manuscript should be revised:
- the literature referenced in the introduction should be updated. This is also true for the discussion (see below).
- Why was chosen for 5 focus groups with in total 20 women? This should be explained, particularly in view of the heterogeneity of the study group
- The results of the input of those women in the focus groups may be very dependent on characteristics such as: severity of preeclampsia, early or late preeclampsia, outcome of the index pregnancy regarding the health of the newborn, outcomes of intercurrent pregnancies, having experienced recurrent preeclampsia and family history of cardiovascular disease. Is this information available?
- The quality of the discussion can be improved by looking again at the literature, as for example regarding self-report recall (i.e. Coolman M et al. J Clin Epidemiol 2010) and interventions aimed to increased knowledge (You WB et al. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2012).

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