Reviewer's report

Title: Transition to motherhood in type 1 diabetes: design of the Pregnancy and Postnatal Well-being Transition Questionnaires

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This is a well written paper that addresses an important aspect of care. There are a few typographical errors and inconsistent use of abbreviations that proof reading will highlight but overall this manuscript is of a high standard. In places it does read a little disjointed as the additional literature reviews are at the end of the results section.

This study only has 8 respondents and a further 2 after initial content validation. I think these are too small numbers to make this a valid questionnaire to be distributed to the larger population. The authors do address the issue of bias and highlight the issues surrounding the small number of respondents.

It would have been useful to have more information related to the questionnaires application and how the questionnaire would be administered. Who would administer this within the larger study? Will it be midwives and if so how would they be trained to administer the questionnaire? If it is midwives in the antenatal clinic or healthcare professionals in the pre-conceptual period it would have been useful to have it reviewed by these professional groups.

It needs to be emphasised that this paper also reports on the women’s responses to the development of the questionnaire as a large section of the findings are actual quotes from the women. The manuscript was related to the design of the questionnaire if possible could the final version be included with the Lickert scales?

The conclusions are ambitious for a questionnaire that has been reviewed by 8 women with type 1 diabetes and then by a further 2 it may have been useful to see if women form within the clinical environment would have reviewed the questionnaires.

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