Reviewer's report

Title: Responses to gestational weight management guidance: a thematic analysis of comments made by women in online parenting forums

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This piece of work clearly wasn't set out to answer a specific question but to analyse the comments made by women regarding gestational weight gain guidance and I found it to be an interesting and informative article. The findings conveyed clear and honest messages regarding the complex issues around the perceived level of maternity care and by splitting the feedback into 3 themes, was able to make some sense of the rich material provided with the 'posts'.

Overall I found this article well written. It offers a unique perspective of women's views and perceptions of their care and identifies potential service improvements. For this reason I would suggest that this article offers a coherent and sound addition to the pool of knowledge and a useful contribution to this field of study.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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