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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Reviewer: Jane Willcox

Minor essential revisions

Materials and methods
1. Page 6, lines 3 and 4. You mention that the posts, in addition to women, included a journalist, moderator and health professionals. Can you please clarify if these comments were included or excluded in the data analysis?

Results
1. Could you please attribute quotes to the pseudonyms or other non-identifiable nomenclature as is consistent with descriptive qualitative research?
4. Page 10 line 27. I wonder whether the comments regarding the consistency of comments with research should be included in the discussion rather than the results?
5. Page 12 line 24. You have used this quote previously on page 10. Is there another that could be substituted here?

Discussion
1. Page 15 paragraph 3. In your introduction you make the excellent point about health professionals not having the confidence to undertake this type of counselling. I wonder if this could be explored in addition to the stigma.

Minor issues not for publication

Results
1. Within the quotes could you please review for consistency? For example Page 7 line 13 uses an ampersand but in the next quote is written “and”. For example numerals are written in different formats e.g. page 8 line 14 “9” and line 15 “one”.
2. Page 8 line 6 “won’t”
3. Page 13 line 16. flippin’

Discussion
1. Page 15 line 15. General Practitioners to general practitioners to be consistent
with your other health professionals (lines 22 and 23).

**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 that I have no competing interests.