Reviewer's report

Title: Access and utilisation of maternity care for disabled women who experience domestic abuse: a systematic review

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Reviewer: Deborah Payne

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article.

I found
.1. that the question posed by the authors is well defined. As pointed out in the discussion, disabled women experience high levels of abuse. Thus this topic is of importance from a social justice perspective, particularly when disabled people are seen as a marginal group within society.

2. The methods of systematic review were appropriate. The means by which the articles for the systematic review were selected were clearly explained and the questions asked of the data were explicit. I did get a little lost in the table that outlined the search strings.

3. The findings extrapolated from the analysis were argued clearly and soundly.

4. I believe that the manuscript does adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.

5. The discussion flowed logically from the findings and provided important considerations for future research and practice in relation to the maternity care provided to disabled women who are experiencing abuse. I found the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

6. The limitations of the work clearly stated. I particularly appreciated the point that differences between countries provide different services and outcomes for disabled women.

7. The authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished.

8. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found.

9. I found the writing of an exceptionally and flawless and high standard.

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.