Reviewer's report

Title: Public Views of Acceptability of Perinatal Mental Health Screening and Treatment Preference: A Population Based Survey.

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Reviewer: Heather Whitford

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The changes made to this paper have greatly improved the clarity of the paper and have addressed most of the previous comments. However there are a few points where the paper could be improved. If these are addressed, the paper could be accepted.

- Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Background 2nd paragraph: Citation needed for the last sentence.
2. Background 3rd paragraph: Citation needed for the first sentence in para 3 (for TPB).
3. Results 2nd paragraph – Views on Prenatal and Postnatal Screening…’ childbearing women’ should be ‘women of childbearing age’
4. Discussion, 4th paragraph – ‘While family and friends …..’ – confusing sentence. It’s not clear which group the final ‘they’ refers to.
5. Conclusions – ‘psycho-education’ – what does this mean?
6. Limitations, 1st paragraph – ‘Given the association between older age…’ – this sentence does not make sense – surely if the mean age of the sample was slightly higher than that of the province, then the rates of perinatal health literacy in this sample will be slightly higher than in the province overall?

- Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

7. The description of the TPB is not accurate. Although the focus is on subjective norm for this paper, the description of the TPB misses out attitudes and PBC completely? Also the TPB does not include measures of the views of significant others, but rather the respondent’s view of what others might think. It is correct that the subjective norm measure might be influenced by societal views however the account given here misrepresents the TPB. I’m not convinced by this use of the TPB to justify the current study.
8. If the TPB is being used to justify the need for the study, it should also be referred to in the discussion to relate these findings to previous studies that have investigated this topic using the TPB.
9. Methods, 7th paragraph – ‘Consistent with….’ – ‘Childbearing age’ is defined
as 18 – 34 years. However this label is applied to the age band regardless of gender. Presumably men age 18 – 34 are not classed as being of ‘childbearing age’? This term needs to be used with care throughout the paper and only applied when female participants age 18 – 34 are being described. As a point of note (but not necessarily requiring a change in the paper), this age band definition might be consistent with the previous survey, however there are many women aged 35 – 45 who are still bearing children who are excluded using this definition!!

**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.