Reviewer's report

Title: Experiences of non-progressive and augmented labour among nulliparous women. A qualitative interview study in a Grounded Theory approach

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1. Background (as well as title and abstract). The authors use the word non-progressive labour and put dystocia in brackets. I propose to use one concept and declare the definition of this as there exists several definitions/criteria for both "non-progressive labour" and "dystocia".

2. Results including figure, outline of a theory, page 11-12:
   The authors use the word "themes" without defining what a theme is, according to Grounded Theory. As I understand GT "theme" is not a common used word in this methodology. The authors have not described it in "method".

   In addition the themes are not well defined (titled).

   In the figure there is a word "satisfaction". This word is not at all mentoined in the text page. What is the relationship between acceptance satisfaction and reconciliation?

   The authors have put italics on two of the three main categories, while the first: "balancing natural birth and medical birth", is not at all mentioned in this paragraph. Why?

   Figure: I miss an explainaing text as well as a title of this figure.

Discussion, separation between mind and body:

Be careful how "body and mind" is used as this is one of the most interesting findings in the study. The use of Merleau-Ponty who has developed aophilosophical description of the body as "I am a body" not I have a body" ( in for example the book "Phenomenology of perceptions") should increase the quality of this discussion.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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.