Reviewer’s report

Title: Transition to parenthood: the needs of parents in pregnancy and early parenthood.

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Reviewer: Eva Nissen

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Some improvements have been done, but I still think the article lacks depth and is unfocused.

1. Supported/unsupported is still used in the text.

2. Sample selection seems strange to me. If you aim to reach a diversity among mothers such as "supported"/co-habiting or "unsupported/single mothers, you will have to collect data from both groups to fulfill your aim. It is stated that there is no difference between co-habiting and single mothers - according to the results it seems that you quote unsupported mothers favoring their mothers as support in life which is not said about the cohabiting mothers.

3. I cannot identify a clear comparative analysis over time and relating to diversity.

4. When you report background data, p. 5 in formation for some interviewees are missing Why?

5. Models of care, p. 6 I think this paragraph should be in the method section under "setting". You also use a concept which apply to the English setting and should be explained that is "caseload".

There are also a number of quotations which do not help the reader. In result section i.e. you refer to information the parents mention such as a dvd they have been recommended. The reader knows nothing about that and it is not a helpful quotation.

What next?: Reject because too small an advance to publish

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.