Reviewer's report

Title: Young pregnant women's views on the acceptability of screening for chlamydia as part of routine antenatal care

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Major compulsory revisions

In general there is a clear research aim. The qualitative methodology and research design with semi-structured interviews are appropriate.

Introduction

Too old references on the outcome of chlamydia during pregnancy. Newer studies give conflicting evidence for systematic screening of all pregnant women. There would be no risk for low birth weight and premature rupture. There are few published date on the opinion of young women on chlamydia screening. Please give the references.

The explanation of the recruitment strategy is rather weak or not well explained in the article. How did the researcher select the women with a negative test? Could there be a selection bias? What do we know on the women refusing to participate? The group seems also very heterogeneous. There is a large variation in the pregnancy duration (6-42?) weeks, could this give an influence on the results?

Why a sample of 100 women? Until saturation of data? Other reasons?

It's not clear how women were informed about chlamydia at the time of recruitment.

What is the influence from the treating physician on knowledge and attitude on screening?

How did you select the themes from the original data?

How long took the interviews?

Results

In general there is a very superficial analysis, but this could be related to the length of the interviews. If these interviews with 21 topics were short interviews, there couldn't be a possibility to go in depth.

Are there differences between women who are infected or not? Influence of the duration of the pregnancy?

What about the attitude towards their pregnancy? Is there an influence?

Discussion

In the discussion the authors mentioned the barriers seen in other studies. It
seems unrealistic that none of the women was anxious for or even angry with their partner because it's a STD. They give no comment why women in this study hadn't those feelings.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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 that I have no competing interests