Reviewer's report

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Thanks for the changes you made and the explanation provided of those changes. I would still suggest that the research is qualitative descriptive (see Sandelowski’s work) rather than simply qualitative.

Page 3 - who makes the decisions about a woman’s reproductive health? The husband? The extended family?

Page 4 - is syphilis the only infectious disease the women are screened for? What about HIV/AIDS? On page 17 it indicates that there is a concern about maternal/child transmission of HIV

Page 5 - change wording from training to education

Page 17 - change wording to health care delivery or care during childbirth

Page 22 - the authors state that there is no consensus on ensuring trustworthiness of qualitative data, but experts in the field have identified keeping field notes, concurrent data collection/analysis, conducting "member checks," keeping an audit trail, individual and research team analysis, and review by experienced qualitative researchers are suggested strategies

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I declare that I have no competing interests