Reviewer’s report

Title: "Sometimes they used to whisper in our ears": Health care workers' perceptions of the effects of abortion legalization in Nepal

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Reviewer: Joyce Kinaro

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Minor essential revisions
1. The methodology was appropriate since the topic was on perception which is best addressed through qualitative data collection method. The target of participants was also appropriate since the selection included providers in direct contact with clients/patients. However, the following was not clear: Data for this study were collected as part of a study. Do you mean as part of a larger study or this was a preliminary study?

2. The writing is acceptable. However, you need to recheck the following: that the meaning of traditional words are explained e.g. ayurvedic doctors; Since the article will live beyond the submitting date, some tenses need to change, for example on page 4 ...As of June 2011, 497,805 have (change to had) received abortion services...

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 have no competing interests