Reviewer's report

Title: When Female Circumcision Comes to the West: Attitudes Toward the Practice among Somali Immigrants in Oslo

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I think that all the sections of this article are well written including the abstract. The research question is well stated where the authors have carried out a quantitative study in a representative sample and examined whether the attitude of Somali immigrants have changed over a time period during their stay in Norway. This is a very important article that will contribute to raise awareness and reduce the practice of female circumcision especially among Somalis living abroad. The authors have also discussed about some theoretical possibilities that can help to eliminate such practices both in Somalia and abroad. I have read this manuscript with great interest and have only minor comments as follows which will require minor essential revisions.

1. I wonder how the sample size was calculated when the authors on page 6 first paragraph write that “The chain referral process continued until the desired a priori sample size of 214 was obtained”. It would be nice if they write a sentence about it.

2. When the authors present descriptive results in percentages, they should make sure that the sum will be 100%. I found that the sum of the different types of education presented under the result section in paragraph 1 makes it 100.8 % (7.8+53+31+9).

3. On page 10, paragraph 2 the authors have reported Odds ratio which I think is not that usual to have such figures in the discussion section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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'I declare that I have no competing interests'