Reviewer's report

Title: Female genital mutilation among Iraqi Kurdish women: A cross-sectional study from Erbil city, Iraq

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The standard of tables in the manuscript is poor (see comments under revisions).

- Major Compulsory Revisions

6. Page 27, Table 4: It seems all variables (even those which were statistically insignificant in a univariate logistic regression) were included in the multiple logistic regression model to obtain adjusted odds ratios. The multiple logistic regression model should be refitted including only those variables which are significant in a univariate logistic model. There is also a need to consider interactions.

- Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 6: Study objectives: Replace 'find out' with "determine (i) the prevalence... and (ii) the patterns... and (iii) women's knowledge and attitudes towards this practice."

2. Page 24, Table 1 title: delete the phrase 'and their parents'

3. Page 25, Table 2: How were the age groups determined? Are they arbitrary?

4. Page 26, Table 3.: This table must be deleted and its contents incorporated in the text.

5. Page 27, Table 4, deleted the estimate of 1 for Crude and Adjusted odds ratios for baseline categories.

- Discretionary Revisions

None

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.