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Dear Editors:

Thank you so much reviewing our manuscript, Factors associated with sterilization use among women leaving a U.S. jail: A mixed methods study, and considering it for publication in *BMC Public Health*. We sincerely appreciate the reviewer feedback and have addressed their comments as follows and within the manuscript using the track changes feature in Word:

Reviewer 1:

1. When including CIs please specify/confirm that they are 95% CIs: we made this change.
2. Please add to the limitations or address that LARCs were not as common or readily available 20 years ago when some of the participants underwent tubal ligations: we made this change.

Reviewer 2:

1. The introduction is almost entirely relates to the US. I believe the introduction could benefit from a slightly broader, international perspective: we added citations from studies outside of the U.S., and thus removed language indicating that the context was specific to the U.S. in all cases.
2. It would be good to include a statement about p values level used for inclusion of variables in the multivariable analysis: we made this change.
3. Who conducted the community interviews and where…etc.?: we had originally included information about where the interviews were conducted (city health department), but have now also included information about who conducted the interviews.
4. Discussion para 1. “…higher rates than” not “….high rates than”: our apologies for the typo; we fixed this.
5. I would like to have seen some discussion of the ‘new’ finding that childhood physical abuse is associated with sterilization: we expanded this discussion.

Thank you very much for your consideration and the opportunity for revision. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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