Reviewer's report

Title: Factors associated with sterilization use among women leaving a U.S. jail: A mixed methods study

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• Overall, a good piece of mixed-method research that should be published. It is good to see participants were paid for their time doing the survey.
• The introduction is almost entirely relates to the US. I believe the introduction could benefit from a slightly broader, international perspective.
• It would be good to include a statement about p values level used for inclusion of variables in the multivariable analysis.
• Who conducted the community interviews and where…etc.?
• Discussion para 1. “…higher rates than” not “….high rates than”.
• I thought the discussion was well balanced and I agree with the authors’ interpretation.
• I would like to have seen some discussion of the ‘new’ finding that childhood physical abuse is associated with sterilisation.

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

Nil