Reviewer’s report

Title: Negotiating the transition from adolescence to motherhood: coping with prenatal and parenting stress in teenage mothers in Mulago hospital, Uganda

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General
I liked this paper that prospectively follows a cohort of Ugandan teenagers into motherhood. The paper has ethics clearance and appropriate methodology for a qualitative paper and acceptable analysis. It is always difficult to shorten qualitative works without losing the richness of the use of quotations from subjects but this has been achieved. The discussion is appropriate apart from the recommendations section at the end of the manuscript which does not definitively follow the study findings and should be deleted entirely. Although the focus of references is on developing nations, some excellent prospective cohorts of teenage mothers from USA and Australia are not included and could be for completion.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

delete the recommendations section and consider adding some prospective teenage studies from developed nations to compare/contrast findings as an additional paragraph

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

See above

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

See above

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests