Reviewer's report

Title: 'A hidden disorder until the pieces fall into place' - a qualitative study of vaginal prolapse

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1. The question posed by the authors is well defined
2. The methods are appropriate and well described, however, the major omission appears to be lack of written informed consent, which is an integral part of any study.
3. The sample size is very small, at only 14 and this is a source of potential bias and limitation to conclusions drawn.
4. The manuscript does not adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition in so far as lack of written informed consent. Please clarify.
5. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.
6. The limitations of the work, particularly in terms of small sample size and the revision to the interview guide made mid study are not clearly explained
7. The authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished
8. The title and abstract accurately conveys what has been found
9. The writing is acceptable

• Major Compulsory Revisions required:
  Clarify consent procedure
  Acknowledge limitations in terms of small sample size and revisions to interview guide mid study

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:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'