Reviewer's report

Title: Extraordinary exposed in early motherhood- a qualitative study exploring experiences of mothers with type 1 diabetes

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the manuscript, Extraordinary exposed in early motherhood: a qualitative study exploring experiences of mothers with type 1 diabetes. The paper was a pleasure to read and well articulated. The paper adds to the knowledge regarding promoting the health of childbearing women especially those who have diabetes. The use of hermeneutic methodology fits well with the intent of the study, that being to explore women with type 1 diabetes experience early and late postpartum. The authors build upon previous work and their findings concur with other published research on diabetes and pregnancy. The results have implications for further research to help understand the transition to motherhood in the context of a chronic condition.

My comments for revisions are discretionary but I believe may help with clarity of findings. It might be useful to define the terms "exposure" and "extraordinary exposed" when they are first introduced on page 7.

I am also wondering about what are the general practices around breastfeeding in the various hospitals? I am also wondering if there are differences among the regional guidelines as I note both rural and urban centers were used. Suggest to add some detail about these.

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