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Title: Understanding why women seek abortions in the US in their own words

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Dear Dr. Crow,

Please consider our manuscript, “Understanding why women seek abortions in the US in their own words” for publication in the BMC - Women’s Health. The Editors of BMC-Medicine felt that our manuscript would be better suited for your journal. This paper presents data from the Turnaway Study, an ongoing, five-year, longitudinal study evaluating the health and socioeconomic consequences of receiving or being denied an abortion in the US. The aim of this manuscript is to present women’s reasons for seeking abortion. As the manuscript describes, women’s reasons for seeking abortion are complex and vary based on their unique circumstances and stage of life.

The results have not been published previously. The study was approved by UCSF’s Committee for Human Research.

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