Reviewer's report

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

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Minor essential revisions. This is an interesting paper, and well-written overall. Please read through for punctuation and consistency. There seem to be some missing commas, and the formatting of "comment (number)" is not always completely consistent. Also some typographical errors that look like they were missed edits during revision (example: a stray "to" in the discussion, an "or" missing somewhere else)

page 5 line 4: does the line refer to "partner's" drug/alcohol use, or just partners?

Page 12: "For an extensive analysis of partner-related reasons for seeking an abortion see." - see what?

Page 13: "One in five women (20%) reported that they chose abortion because they felt a baby at this time would interfere with their future goals...." How does 5% + 14% + 7% add up to 20%?

Page 15, quote that begins on line 4 - are the incorrect "its" and "your" actual written errors from the respondent, or did the transcriber incorrectly spell these when she wrote down what the subject said?

Page 18, line 2 = think you mean "predominant", not "predominate"

Page 20 line 5 - should that say "pregnancy intentions SCORE"; line 9 - pregnancy intentions again - high or low score?

Discretionary: Why was parity a continuous measure? Isn't that measured in integers? (a woman cannot have 1.5 children, for example)

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.