Reviewer’s report

Title: Punishment or harm reduction? Contraceptive access for women who use drugs

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General remarks: This is a study based on semistructured interview, with a brief set of questions followed by open-ended questions. How was this questionnaire developed - were the questions based on previous studies or specifically designed for this study?

In the first section of the discussion the authors state that "These descriptions of contraception, pregnancy and mothering are mixed and at times ambivalent", but still the authors come up with some main conclusions. On which questions do the authors mainly draw their conclusions? I.e. which questions turned out to be most informative vs. the research questions?

75% of the interviewed were mothers. Would it be possible to present some more information on previous pregnancies?

Were responses different among those who were already mothers compared to those who were not, and should such differences be reflected in the conclusions?

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 that I have no competing interests