Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge and use of emergency contraception among women in the Western Cape province of South Africa: A cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: caroline moreau

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors have responded to the reviewer's questions and have modified their manuscript accordingly.

There is only one last issue regarding the description of women's contraception at last intercourse which could be clarified p6. Indeed as 30% of women in the sample were attending the clinic for antenatal or postnatal care, they probably contribute to the 29% of women in the sample who used no contraception at last intercourse. Even if the timing of this last intercourse is unknown, the authors could maybe add a sentence describing these women with no contraception (for example what percentage of these women were pregnant at the time of the survey). This would partially help understand how many women may be at risk of unintended pregnancy.

Lastly, just to make sure the numbers are right, the authors report 27% of women had heard of EC from the clinic (p7) but later on report that only 25% were ever told of EC by a health care provider. Is that correct?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

A few typos in the text

Abstract, discussion line 4: the word of is missing = knowledge of the method
results p6 line 3 equivalent is misspelled
results p6 line 4 eighty is misspelled
results p7 (4 lines above the end of the page) the word pill is missing in oral contraceptive pill
discussion p10 line 3 the word "know" is missin in women who know and use EC

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests: I declare that I have no competing interests