Reviewer’s report

Title: What aspects of periods are most bothersome for women reporting heavy menstrual bleeding? Community survey and qualitative study

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Reviewer: Sioban Harlow

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General

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

In reference to these two concerns expressed previously the authors simply stated that they had been examined in other publications. However, as the concern about these issues arises as a reader of this article -- discussion of these points are needed in this article also. They can be discussed in the discussion section, where you can restate the previous findings succinctly.

"4) Please clarify whether any guidance/definition was provided regarding what was "heavy" versus "Very heavy" versus neither heavy or very heavy? Eg does the % that dont report a problem differ across categories?
5) Does the perception of problem for heavy/very heavy differ from women who report lighter bleeding? Do you have this information. It would be useful to know if 30% of all women see pain as a problem with their period."

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

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'