Reviewer’s report

Title: Conscientious objection to referrals for abortion: pragmatic solution or threat to women’s rights? A qualitative interview study

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Reviewer: Ros Kane

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I thought this was a very interesting and topical paper. Well researched and very well written. One thing I would like a little more detail is the specific legal/policy context in Norway. Ie what exactly are the rights or doctors, nurses and indeed students when they have a conscientious objection. I am only looking for a few extra sentences here but it would really help to set the scene for the non-Norwegian reader. Do the relevant professional bodies (or equivalent) have a position on this? Links to further specific reading about the above in Norway would be really useful and allow for European comparisons to be made should the reader wish to do so.

I would classify the above as a minor but essential revision.

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.