Reviewer's report

**Title**: Termination of pregnancy in thalassemia major, hemophilia and Downas syndrome; what Iranian Physicians think?

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**Reviewer**: Jenny Hewison

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Minor Essential Revisions

**Abstract**
1. Accurately describe the sample. It was not "randomly selected".
2. Clarify if the 204 physicians "opposed to abortion" means opposed in respect of all the three conditions mentioned.
3. Clarify the meaning of the separate percentages relating to months of gestation.

**Introduction**
4. The published studies first introduced in the Discussion should be moved to the Introduction. The Nourup and Rett references are unrepresentative of the literature, so this section should either be expanded or dropped.

**Materials and Methods**
5. Give brief details of the sampling frame, and practical information about how the survey was conducted.

**Results**
6. How representative was the achieved sample in terms of gender, seniority and departmental affiliation?
7. Were response options mutually exclusive?

**Discussion**
8. The last sentence of the first paragraph does not make sense: the discrepancy between the two studies needs clarifying.
9. The final sentence needs modifying, as the direction of cause and effect cannot be established.

**Level of interest**: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English**: Needs some language corrections before being published
**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.