Reviewer's report

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

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Thank you for submitting a revised paper on this important topic. Your revisions have gone some way to addressing the points raised in my original review. In addition the changes have generated new points that require clarification. I have listed the areas below still requiring additional work. If these issues can be addressed I recommend publishing the paper.

1. Statistical analysis.

There are no statistical results included in the paper. The first version of the paper indicated the use of chi square and Fisher's exact test. However these data are not included in this version. I suggest including the results of these analyses.

2. Data. The results of physicians in agreement with abortion by gestation are presented for all conditions. It would be helpful to see these data by condition and consider if there are differences.

3. Conclusion. The observed differences are attributed to overall prognosis. The data show an association between agreement with abortion and perceived seriousness of condition. As this is descriptive study it is not possible to state that the observed association is causal.

4. Generalisability. The authors have added more detail on the sample but have not commented on how generalisable this sample is.

5. Section on strengths and limitations. I would like to see information on how generalisable and representative the findings are. The additional data in the Limitations section on the governments view on termination for these conditions should be included in the introduction.