Reviewer’s report

Title: Understanding the impact of gendered roles on the experiences of infertility amongst men and women in Punjab

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Minor Essential revisions. (the manuscript is not numbered so I will have to refer to heading)

1. The men are not as visible as the woman in this article and it is of course very different experiences but it would be of interest to get a little more of the men’s view even if they are not as abused and stigmatizes as women, what are their views of the childless/infertile situation?

2. Seeking treatment for infertility:
   The point about that it is in the body of the women treatment takes place regardless of cause could be made more explicit. It is in fact true in all cultures..

3. Adoption.
   The last quote does not really illustrate the text above unless she was divorced

5. Discussion
   The finding that endogamous marriages appear to protect women in the event of childlessness is reported as a new finding but in such a small material it is a bit too strong to claim it as a "finding" that represents anything general. It might well be a coincidence to be found among this informants interviewed.

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:

No competing interests.