Reviewer’s report

Title: The experience of dysmenorrhoea among Ghanaian Senior High and University students: Pain characteristics and effects

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Major Compulsory Revisions:
(1) Introduction requires proper citations, e.g. claims are made without any reference.

Minor Essential Revisions:
(1) This article could benefit from grammatical editing throughout; I would be happy to provide suggestions to allow for more clear and concise wording.
(2) Pg. 9 contains improper use of the term "anorexia," consider replacing with "loss of appetite."

Discretionary Revisions:
(1) Some quotations included in the results section fall short of supporting points and are overly repetitive; consider removing quotes that simply repeat findings (e.g. quotation regarding the crab in the section on misconceptions).
(2) Consider including any comparisons that can be made between the SHS and University students, or age groups in general. I imagine there might be differences in the effect pain has on the livelihood of women as they grow older and become more accustomed to menstrual-related pain and/or pain management.
(3) While noted that the findings are not generalizable due to qualitative methods, it may be worth including the small sample size as an additional limitation.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

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.