Reviewer's report

Title: Best practice in bereavement photography after perinatal death: Qualitative analysis with 104 parents

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Thank you very much for sending this article to me for review. The submission is excellent, useful especially for the medical and nursing staffs of hospitals in which still birth and neonatal deaths might occur, but also useful for anyone working with or trying to help these parents. Obviously the sample is highly skewed, virtually all the respondents are mothers, not fathers. But that is really not a problem because, as I have experienced these parents, often the mother is the spokesperson for the couple.

As best practice in the title indicates, the authors tell the reader what they are trying to do. The article shows readers how to do a very difficult job better. The writing is clear and direct. The points are made in a way that when I finished reading I easily remembered them. As I read, I had no questions that were not answered.

The article also has a wonderful immediate tone. As I read the quotations, I felt as if I were in the support group meetings I used to attend. The people felt real, so as I read, both my abstract and emotional intelligence were engaged.

I strongly recommend the article be published. It is a significant contribution to better practice, and to our understanding of parental bereavement as a whole.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

none