Reviewer’s report

Title: Causal explanations of miscarriage amongst Qataris

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Reviewer: Elaine Burns

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper. It is much improved and needs only a few small amendments.

On Page 5 line 50-51 the term 'GCC cultures' has not been spelt out previously for the reader

On Page 8 line 12 participants have been referred to as 'subjects' which is not consistent with the rest of the paper.

Page 12 Line 14-15 the term reproductive 'career' does not seem to reflect the data and what women say about growing their family. Suggest a different word such as 'reproductive life' or 'reproductive experience'

Page 14 line 24-25 the quote includes a reference to conceiving normally not by ART which confused me as I was not sure why this was significant until on page 21 when it is explained that this is an additional belief around causation. Suggest removing that part of the quote on page 14 and saving it for the explanation on page 21.

The Discussion is much improved however there is an overuse of the word 'around' in the discussion and I suggest doing a search and find to replace some of the instances of 'around' with another appropriate word - especially when there are two in one sentence or straight after each other.

Page 24 line 53-59 contains two very confusing sentences which need to be made clearer.

Page 27 line 4 has an incomplete sentence "an understanding of? is essential to inform policy..."

Page 21 line 56 the claim to have increased validity with the relationship between participants and researcher could be argued in the opposite and would suggest removing this point.

One of the limitations is unclear. Participants recruited through the hospital per se does not seem to me to be a limitation of the study. The limitation is that participants were drawn from only one(of XX number)hospitals in Qatar.
Superstition came up as a causal reason for miscarriage yet the discussion does not discuss this, nor indicate any references to this from other cultures.

This paper has been greatly improved and I am very pleased that the authors have continued to work on it. The paper provides a very interesting insight into the reasons that women attribute to miscarriage in Qatar.

Well done to the authors and researchers.

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