Reviewer’s report

Title: Birthing the placenta: women’s decisions and experiences

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PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

OBJECTIVE - Full research articles: is there a clear objective that addresses one or several testable research questions? (Brief or other article types: is there a clear objective?)

Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

EXECUTION - Are the experiments and analyses performed with sufficient technical rigor to allow confidence in the results?

Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

STATISTICS - Is the use of statistics in the manuscript appropriate?

N/A - there are no statistics in this study

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable
OVERALL MANUSCRIPT POTENTIAL - Has the author addressed your concerns sufficiently for you to now recommend the work as a technically sound contribution? If not, can further revisions be made to make the work technically sound?

Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: The authors attempted to address the concerns raised in the initial review. The manuscript has been improved with the addition of numbers to support the use of the words that can be perceived as subjective e.g. majority and table 3 has been improved which aids in the interpretation of the findings.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:

The authors point out that this is a qualitative study and thus the manner in which table1 is presented is appropriate. I am not disputing that this is how it is produced in some papers, but the goal of any data display is to allow the reader to easily interpret the data through the visual display. I hope it was not misinterpreted that I was requesting statistical analyses to be performed. My goal was to aid the authors in getting their message across more seamlessly when their audience reads the content of the tables presented. In 2013, in the international journal of qualitative methods- Verdinelli reviewed data displays from several qualitative studies and highlighted that "Data display in a graphic format is a way of portraying information succinctly and efficiently, illustrating details provided in longer textual information. Visual displays provide a multidimensional space to organize data and show connections between different pieces of relevant data". With that said, I recommend organizing the table(s) in a manner that allows the reader to easily interpret the message it was intended to portray.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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Yes
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