Reviewer’s report

Title: Exploring English speaking Muslim women’s first-time maternity experiences: A qualitative longitudinal interview study

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Reviewer: Khatijah Binti Abdullah

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Thank you for an interesting and important topic. The study used a qualitative design, interviewing Muslim English speaking women on their first time maternity experience at three points of time. Emerging themes include: 1) a spiritual perspective; 2) expression of religious requirements; 3) perceptions of healthcare professionals.

1. In page 7 line 23 it was mentioned that purposeful sampling was used. However page 7 line 37 it was mentioned the researcher used word of mouth which lead one to conclude snowballing approach may be use - please explain

2. What is the study limitations? For example recruiting from a local Muslim community Mosque may not represent the general Muslim English speaking women due to the nature of the recruitment site being a mosque thus not surprising one of the theme is the spiritual perspective

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