Reviewer’s report

Title: Women’s perspectives on caesarean section recovery, infection and the PREPS Trial: A qualitative pilot study

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Minor text changes:
Line 70 - morbidity is used twice, perhaps it was to be mortality and morbidity?
Line 99 - Caesarean Sections - CSs may be better written as 'a caesarean section - a CS'
Line 136 - remove the comma '...to, the....'

Novel study and qualitative studies can provide interesting insights as this work has done. Good learning about education needs for this cohort of women and the need for specific information on infection, wound care, Breast feeding with a CS scar, the 'do's/don'ts', etc. The need for appropriate information at the appropriate time comes across from the women. Interesting insights into the social issues around preception when they have a CS - the negative inference. The issue of feeling the negative vibe from healthcare staff is concerning and may warrant further study.

Valuable insight about the consent for research - minimal information in advance in the labour situation and complete the paperwork, etc. afterwards - maybe worth highlighting or evolving slightly in the paper?

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