Reviewer's report

Title: Addressing ethnic disparity in antenatal care: a qualitative evaluation of midwives' experiences with the MAMAACT intervention

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This study describes a qualitative evaluation of midwives' experiences with the implementation of an intervention addressing ethnic disparity in antenatal care. The topic is highly relevant in order to address suboptimal care of immigrant women in Western countries.

Major comments:

The introduction (line 17-42) would benefit from more international studies outside of Scandinavia.

The authors should mention whether or not the interview guide was pilot tested.

The result section should start with a presentation of the study participants (e.g. demographics, working experiences, recruitment site).

Data analysis: The authors should provide a more specific description of the analytical steps.

Results: The presentation of the main themes should be re-structured, starting with theme 2 (midwives general experiences with working with migrant women), followed by theme 1 (attitudes) and theme 3 (organizational factors).

The presentation of theme 3 should be more specifically related to factors influencing the implementation of the intervention.

Discussion:

Line 35-36, page 11: The statement that "suggesting that the intervention was largely feasible under real-world conditions" should be less-generalizing given the small study sample

The authors have chosen the conceptual framework by Seeleman et al. and should provide a discussion about pros and cons of this model related to other models of culture competence of culture sensitivity (e.g. Foronda et al 2008. A concept analysis of culture-sensitivity)
Minor comments:

Abstract: Please use the abbreviation smartphone application/mobile application (app) in the abstract and throughout the manuscript

Line 2: Write "Immigration to Denmark" instead of "the influx of migrants"

Line 8-22: The description of the MAMMAACT intervention should start with the main aim of the project.

Line 15: The authors should be concise in the description of their interviews ("mini-group semi-structured interviews")

Lines 26-29: Move "midwives recruited for the interviews had varying degrees of professional experience..." to the beginning of the result section.

Line 57-60: This statement is more related to theme 3 (organizational factors)

Line 15, page 8: Please rephrase "uncommunicative", e.g. "difficult to talk to"

Line 39, page 10: "importance/facilitator" would be better suited than "significance"

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