Reviewer's report

Title: Understanding the information needs of women with rheumatoid arthritis concerning pregnancy, post-natal care and early parenting: A mixed-methods study

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Reviewer: Mwidimi Ndosi

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This is a well-written article reporting results of a mixed-methods study on informational needs of women with RA regarding pregnancy, post-natal care and early parenting. The new information especially from the qualitative aspect of the study is a valuable addition to the current knowledge in the field of patient education.

The methods used are well described and they are appropriate for the type of the research question. The quantitative aspect of the study compliments the qualitative findings and the authors have been careful not to overstate their results in the discussion and the conclusion,

Minor essential revisions:
Authors may want to discuss the applicability of EULAR recommendations of patient education in inflammatory arthritis [1] in this group of patients.

Discretionary revisions:

The authors may want to add a recent survey on patient and practitioner’s attitudes towards treatments during pregnancy [2] as this may help enrich the discussion section.

Figure 3 is a 'boxed' text and appears more like a table to me.

References


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests