Reviewer’s report

Title: "I Always Tried to Forget about the Condition and Pretend I was Healed": Coping with Cervical Cancer in Rural Ghana

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Reviewer: Elizabeth Namukwaya

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for responding to the comments. Most of the comments were addressed.

However a few comments from the 2nd reviewer were partly addressed

In the discussion the reviewer recommended that the coping strategy of personal hygiene be related to self-image issues. I think this will make your discussion richer. Also abstinence as a coping mechanism was not discussed in context of previous literature.

Also the reviewer asked if knowledge of stage of cancer could have influenced coping, but this was not mentioned in the manuscript. It may be useful to include it in the discussion

A few minor corrections below for your attention

Removal of the cervix is not the same as total hysterectomy, I recommend that you leave out the phrase 'removal of cervix' and just maintain total hysterectomy.

line111 should be agreed not have agreed

line 113 May read better if written as thematic saturation achieved after interviewing the 15 respondents

The first sentence of the conclusion should be revised because it is confusing. One may interpret that participants adopted personal support services or psychological support services. Also instead of saying non-material why not mention faith etc

Some language corrections are needed.

Thank you
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