Reviewer's report

Title: Sexual and reproductive health services for women with disability: a qualitative study with service providers in the Philippines

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Reviewer: Gillian Eastgate

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This is a qualitative study of health professionals in the Philippines regarding attitudes towards provision of sexual and reproductive health services to women with disabilities. As such this study illustrates an area in which there is little pre-existing research relating to the Philippines. The authors have undertaken a thorough review of evidence relating to similar service provision issues in other parts of the world including other south-east Asian countries.

The study is well designed and well described. The research question is clear. The sample size is fairly small, though not out of the size range of comparable qualitative studies. No mention is made regarding data saturation i.e. whether new themes were still being raised towards the end of the data collection period. This should be included. Participant selection was not in any way random, but this is recognised and addressed in the report. Data analysis appears to have been performed by a range of people allowing for triangulation.

The reporting of results was very interesting reading including many quotes that were very telling and at times quite moving.

The discussion and conclusions are well related to the results reported. Some relevant recommendations are made.

The report is well written and easy to comprehend. My main concern is that at well over 6,000 words, it is a little long. However, I am unaware of the maximum article length for this journal. If the article is over the word limit, I would recommend editing evenly across sections, while conserving as many of the direct quotes as possible.

A few grammar points (though this may not be in the job description for a reviewer):

Line 83 ‘intersectional’- I am not aware of the existence of this word. I wonder whether a better expression would be something like ‘discrimination across multiple sectors’

Line 91-92: suggest ‘to have recognition of their rights….. and physical integrity’ would read better

Line 142: ‘effected’ should be ‘affected’
Overall, this is a valuable and well conducted study that adds to the body of knowledge in this sadly neglected area. It is particularly valuable in that it has been conducted in a ‘developing’ country struggling to provide basic health care. I would recommend publication subject to the minor considerations above.

Major compulsory revisions: none
Minor essential revisions: Correction of spelling/grammar points as above
Consider editing down if over the stated word limit for the journal
Comment about data saturation or otherwise
Discretionary revisions: none

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests