Reviewer’s report

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Reviewer: Suzannah Creech

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I would like to thank the authors for their careful revision of this manuscript describing their important study. The clarity is greatly improved. This is an impressive undertaking.

I still firmly believe it is important to remove the women completing photo voice and individual interviews from the primary analyses as this is extra intervention that the other women did not receive. The authors could at least make a plan to ensure results do not differ when these women are included.

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