Reviewer’s report

Title: "The sun keeps rising but darkness surrounds us": a qualitative exploration of the lived experiences of women with obstetric fistula in Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Solina Richter

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Dear authors.

I have reviewed the revisions. It greatly improved the manuscript. The manuscript still have multiple typographical errors. I have tried to point it out as much as possible, but it needs another good read by a language editor.

Abstract: Please check and decide if you need to change 'life experience' to 'lived experience'

Page 6. Check the sentence starting with 'Discrepancies on the application…..' . Change the capitalization of 'Following…'

Page 7 Line 289. Change 'genital cut….' to 'genital cutting…'

Make sure that all the quotes used are appropriately indented.

Page 18 Line 46 Change 'Fistula..' to lower case.

Page 21 When you refer to 'fistula' change it to 'obstetrical fistula'.

Page 21 Line 6 Change the sentence 'This is manifested by a maltreatment of the community members for fistula patients' to 'This manifested in maltreatment of community members towards women experiencing obstetrical fistula.'

Page 23, Change 'Suplmentary' to 'supplementary' at the various places where you are using the word.
I recommend to add more information in further research needed, the implications for practice, implications for education. Recommendations to improve the infrastructure of the healthcare system as a standalone recommendation will contribute to increase usage. Many other factors influence the use of the health care system, for example, the affordability, the quality of care they receive, patriarchal customs that the head of the family decide when women can access care etc.

I have enjoyed reading the revised version.

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