Reviewer's report

Title: "A Secret Club": Focus groups about women's toileting behaviors

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1). Page 5, Line 17, "OAB bladder", OAB already has the word bladder.

2). Regarding TB-WEB (Page 7 Lines 47-48), the five factors' name is not exactly the same as mentioned in the development paper (Wang & Palmer 2011). Later, in Page 8, Lines 76-77, different concepts were mentioned. It might be better to have consistent names.

3). Page 7 Lines 56-59, the study sample was "from older adult women". However, one of the inclusion criteria was "aged 21 years and over" (Page 8, Line 67).

4). Page 8. Lines 81-82, I would like to know the seven interview questions (supplement material).

5). Page 9, Line 90. It might be better to spell out the full names of ICIQ-UI SF and ICIQ-OAB. These two questionnaires were used in this study. In the method section, full descriptions of them would be necessary.

6). In Table 1, it seems the women in Pennsylvania were older, had higher BMI, higher prevalence of UI and OAB compared to those in North Carolina. I would like to know whether the themes vary by study sites. I am not sure the meaning of the last row N(%) of Table 1.

7). Almost all participants in Pennsylvania (93.8%) had OAB. It is possible that they engaged in behaviors to adapt to OAB.
8). It is better to use title and subtitle to organize the result section. For example,

1. Bladder health
   1.1 how the bladder functions
   1.2 the presence or absence of infection or disease
   1.3 control over the bladder

2. Toileting behaviors
   2.1 Cures/triggers/alerts
   2.2 Cleanliness matters
   2.3 Toileting as a nuisance
   2.4 Situational awareness

9). It may be useful to distinguish healthy toileting behaviors from unhealthy toileting behaviors under each theme.

10). I am not sure it would be better to organize the results using three categories: antecedents, urination itself, and consequences (Page 5, Lines 21-23), or the concepts: preferred place for voiding, premature voiding, delay voiding, straining to void, and position preference for voiding (Page 8, Lines 76-77).

11). page 17. Line 283, I am not sure the meaning of "USA2".
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