Reviewer’s report

Title: Choices and services related to contraception in the Gaza Strip, Palestine: Perceptions of service users and providers

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SUGGESTED CHANGES IN AREAS HIGHLIGHTED
Page 3:- Conflicting figures of contraceptive usages in Gaza Strip and Palestine.

Strike off 'and'.

Rephrase - suggestion - 'Worldwide varying obstacles were identified that can hinder women from benefitting from reliable contraception. These include ....................'

Critique: mixing Qualitative and Quantitative methods pose a lot of challenges. The inclusion and the exclusion criteria have to be clear.

"transcribed into verbatim" - Remove 'into'

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Critique: p value ≤0.05 regarded as significant. What's the POWER of the study to be able to detect this? How many samples are required to detect the changes? Is this sample size good enough to justify this statement? Remember that POWER relates to SAMPLING!

Under 'Socio-demographic characteristics of study participants' - use commas and semi-colons

Govern't clinics - such abbreviation is not appropriate. Use Government Clinics

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'they felt that the Staff were supportive'

Page 6:

'Healthcare professionals found that re-educating .................'

'There were so many wrong information in the Community about Family Planning.' This is too broad a statement. Please revise this.

"It was hard to change their attitude. Let's say not to change them, but let's say to correct them and change or correct some behaviours. Always changing behaviour is difficult."

Suggestion: 'It is hard to change their attitude. Changing a long-held believe is difficult. However, with time and the right approach, we may be able to correct some of the behaviours.'
"FP providers reported a major challenge to the provision of reliable contraception to be the periods of unavailability of chosen methods, which requires women to change methods, increasing the risk of unintended pregnancies [15]." Statement is too long as to lose its meaning.

There are too many repeats about misconceptions e.g. cancer, infertility etc.

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