Reviewer’s report

Title: A Qualitative Study on Reasons for Early Removal of Implanon among Users in Arba Minch Town, Gamo Goffa Zone, South Ethiopia: A Phenomenological Approach

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The authors present a qualitative study of women in Ethiopia who present requesting removal of their contraceptive implants.

1. Overall, the manuscript should be cut by 50% in length. There are many places where the writing could be more succinct.
2. The authors report they used a "phenomenological" method - this is new to me. If the authors are presenting a manuscript with a novel methods approach/design they should spend some time introducing this in the introduction.
3. The authors present the women in the report in a manner that is somewhat paternalistic. The role of choice and autonomy are incredibly important when discussing and managing the placement and removal of contraceptive implants and IUDs.
4. The importance of improving maternal health by preventing unwanted pregnancies is very important, but this needs to be balanced with patient choice and agency.
5. The presentation of qualitative data would have been helpful. Readers still want to know the demographics of the cohort so they can understand the similarities of the population described in the paper to the populations in which they work.
6. Were the themes predetermined? this needs to be stated more clearly.

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