Reviewer’s report

Title: When the law makes doors slightly open: ethical dilemmas among abortion service providers in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Reviewer: Caroline de Costa

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This is a well planned and conducted qualitative study around an important topic, abortion provision in a LMIC (low/middle income country) where the law is relatively liberal. The findings have application to the provision of safe legal accessible abortion elsewhere in Ethiopia and in other LMIC. Study limitations as to the nationality of the interviewers and the restriction of the study to the Ethiopian capital, are noted but the in-depth nature of the interviews and the detailed content analysis lead to significant results and a layered discussion of the findings. References are appropriate, I recommend acceptance; there are two typos that need correcting: line 474 'ineligibility' and line 534, 'compassionate' rather than 'passionate' I think.

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