Reviewer’s report

Title: Sewing shirts with injured fingers and tears: exploring the experience of female garment workers health problems in Bangladesh

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Reviewer: Olufemi Oyewole

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The study investigated the experience of female garment workers health problems in Bangladesh using qualitative design. Below are some comments that needed the attention of the authors.

1. How did you achieve your second objective i.e. to compare their situation (health, income and family life) before and after starting work in the RMG? Going through the guideline of a IDIs/FGD, only their health before starting work in the RMG was addressed with a question. Income and family life before starting work in the RMG were not addressed.

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