Reviewer’s report

Title: Attitudes of sperm, egg and embryo donors and recipients towards genetic information and screening of donors

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This is a qualitative study of donor and recipient attitudes toward genetic screening of oocyte, sperm and embryo donors, conducted via structured interviews. Overall, this study from Australia provides interesting perspectives from a very small sample of participants.

* How was the sample size determined?
* How were disagreements over codes resolved?
* How were respondents different from non-respondents?
* Table 2 seems duplicative with text in Results and does not add to the manuscript.
* I would suggest demographic variables to help readers understand the population assessed. Adding names of participants/couples with their roles seems to provide potentially identifying information.
* I'm uncertain on how the Figure was derived. This aspect would benefit from more explanation.

  o For example, there were various quotes to support the theme that genetic information was not as important as non-genetic information. Would this theme belong in the tree?

  o Similarly, there were several quotes from recipients on adverse effect on donors' well-being. Does that belong in the Figure?

  o Also, uncertain what "Take the risk", "Bit more of a chance" refer to. The stems would benefit from being more clear.

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