**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** The Range and Nature of Reproductive Health Research in the Occupied Palestinian Territory: A Scoping Review

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**Reviewer:** Zoe Diener

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This scoping review was conducted to describe the range and nature of the reproductive health research in the occupied Palestinian territory and to identify subsequent literature gaps. Given the tense political situation, it is important to understand the state of sexual and reproductive health services in this region. With some tightening up, this paper will be a cornerstone for any researcher hoping to work in this population or in this part of the world.

Great title!

The aims are clearly stated with the need for some grammatical revision.

How will the knowledge of subthemes collected through this scoping review advance the field of sexual and reproductive health?

While the outcomes are clearly justified, the inclusion criteria each need clear and detailed justification. You mention that the life course is part of the global strategy, but your criteria are for women over the age of 15. It is unclear to me what you date limit is.

You did not include your search strategy. For repeatability of the study, it is important to include what key search words, MeSH terms, and phrases you used, and the date on which you searched. Did you consult with a health sciences librarian? Why did you not choose to search the grey literature? You give two reasons: both that you were interested in published scientific articles and that it was difficult to access, I think that it is best to have one reason and also to mention them the first time you mention grey literature.

I would like to see a discussion of the subthemes and how they will contribute to the scientific knowledge and progress of sexual and reproductive health in the Palestinian territory.

The conclusion needs to be more consistent with the results and to discuss how the findings will benefit the community.

In Table 2, I don't think that the region of Journal Article section is necessary as it is not meaningful to most people. If you are going to leave it, explain why it is important. I find that this manuscript is in need of grammatical review. Please consider inserting an appendix with a table including the names of the papers, the author, and the themes, or something of that nature.
This is a lot of work. However, your paper fails to be convincing that anything meaningful came out of this. I would like to see your discussion broken up into sections by themes and to there, discuss not just the findings but how you see your work impacting the field of sexual and reproductive health and the impact of the work that has been done and the trajectory of that work. In your conclusion, convince me of the innovation of your paper.

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