Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Decisions about prophylactic gynecologic surgery: A qualitative study of the experience of female Lynch Syndrome mutation carriers

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The manuscript requires major compulsory revisions.

1. The Table can be modified or a new table added to provide information on: Did they have surgically induced menopausal symptoms; can they grade it on a scale of 0 -10, with 0 being negative for symptoms, while 10 is for debilitating symptoms requiring hospitalization; what was the rapidity in which menopausal symptoms set in – 0 – no symptoms; 5 – symptoms manifested immediately after surgery; sex frequency prior to surgery and after surgery; vaginal dryness – grade 1- 5; hot flushes – 0 – 10, did it require medications.

2. The results can be better presented rather than as quotes. This can be in the form of tables for the themes, giving the information more succinctly.

As pointed out by them, the sample size is small for a pilot study and is heterogeneous, making it difficult to decide on the future research survey they have planned.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.