Reviewer’s report

Title: Disclosure of domestic violence and sexual assault within the context of abortion: meta-ethnographic synthesis of qualitative studies protocol

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Reviewer: Melody Morton Ninomiya

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I enjoyed reading your protocol entitled Health professionals' experiences and attitudes of managing disclosure of domestic violence and sexual assault in the context of abortion: PRISMA systematic Review Protocol. The protocol outlines a clear rationale for why this systematic review is both important and relevant. The writing is easy to follow and the protocol is thoroughly documented.

The following comments and suggested changes are minor:

1. Page 5 (line 18) - typo
2. Page 6 (line 16) - punctuation around the reference number needs to be corrected
3. Page 7 (line 2) - grammar
4. Page 7 (line 7) - is domestic violence meant to be capitalized?
5. Page 7 (line 21 & 22) - Explain this a little better. Are you saying that the inclusion criteria will be limited to abortion care locations which automatically preclude the emergency dept, orthopaedic and obstetrics? And, are places like emerg, orthopaedics, and obstetrics places where people get abortions?
6. Page 8 (line 17) - not sure if the word "discreetly" is the most apt word here
7. Page 9 (line 6) - can you be specific as to how many reviewers are screening each title & abstract?
8. Page 9 (line 8) - are you suggesting that if there is a disagreement on in/exclusion, rather an exclude, you will err on the side of inclusion?
9. Page 9 (line 20) & Page 10 (line 22) - when you say you will give more weight to documents that get a higher CASP score, what does that mean for analysis?
10. Page 11 (line 23) - you mention concept mapping. Who will be involved with the concept mapping and what kind of process will you use for that?

12. Page 13 (first paragraph) - I suggest that you include the enquiry focus before the disclosure section, if that is indeed the order in which information is exchanged in the abortion contexts.

13. Page 13 (line 16) - replace arguable with arguably

Have you conducted a preliminary search to have any indication that there will be sufficient documents from the search without having to extend the inclusion criteria (to include other healthcare contexts where it may be exceptionally difficult to tease out the information this review seeks to analyze)?

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