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: Zack Marshall

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Thank you for the extensive revisions. From my perspective, the protocol should be accepted for publication. There are a few grammatical/formatting errors identified below that can be easily addressed. I assume these will be corrected and I do not need to see the manuscript again.

Abstract (page 2, line 22)

Here it indicates that "a single reviewer will perform the critical appraisal". On page 11 in the Appraisal section, it seems to indicate that two people will perform critical appraisal. Please clarify and correct for consistency.

In-text citations

When there is more than one in-text citation, the numbers are not in order (e.g. page 4, line 7 we see "[4, 2, 7, 8]"). I believe these should be re-ordered from lowest to highest (e.g. [2,4,7,8]).

Consistency of language

1) Female or women: In some places you refer to females, and others to women. I am not sure if this is being done on purpose, but perhaps best to refer to women in order to be more inclusive? It is my understanding that female tends to refer to sex, women to gender.

2) Health personnel, health professional, healthcare professional: These terms seem to be used to refer to the same group. From your perspective, is there any difference? Would it help to be consistent or to clarify why you are using one term in some places and another elsewhere? Note that you may also want to change this in the keywords.

3) Healthcare and health care: In some places this is one word and other two words. Please select one option and use this throughout the manuscript.

4) Pilot search or exploratory search: Pick one term. Page 7 line 6 it is "pilot search", page 8 line 17 it is "initial exploratory search"
5) Search document for double spaces within sentences. This comes up several times.

Aims and Objectives (page 5, line 15)
Suggest adding "and" before ii)

Approach to Searching (page 6, line 22)
Remove "in" for the phrase "relevant articles in than PICO"

Phase 7 (page 13, line 14)
Needs colon after Phase 7 in order to be consistent.

Reference List
Capitalization is incorrectly used in many of the article titles (e.g. 1, 6, 8 etc.). These need to be addressed.

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