Reviewer’s report

Title: Psychological issues and construction of the mother-child relationship in women with cancer during pregnancy: a perspective on current and future directions

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Reviewer: Kathryn Bould

Reviewer's report:

This is an interesting topic and your manuscript demonstrates that relevant research is scarce.

I think the title of the manuscript needs to be clear that this is not an empirical study, rather it is a debate/review article, currently the title does not make this clear enough.

I think the manuscript would benefit from additional proof reading to improve the quality of written English. There are some minor grammatical errors/wrong choice of words which I would consider revising i.e. line 17 change the word 'on' to 'for', line 36 'next years' needs to either address a particular number of years or rephrase, line 74 rephrase 'considered little', line 89 isn't very clear what you mean by 'motherhood capacity'

In the main body, I would consider starting with the section 'cancer during pregnancy and its influence on the mother-child relationship' first as the end of your background section you finish with the statement that the mother-child attachment bond has rarely been considered in the existing literature. This would then flow better. then you could discuss what is currently known as you do in the section 'current knowledge about psychological aspects of cancer diagnosis during pregnancy.

The 'future directions' section is weakened by the first sentence which is neither here nor there; I think the section could be strengthened by making clear suggestion from the first sentence about what research is needed and how it can be conducted. you could explain further what is meant by socio-emotional issues (line 127). you do go one to make well though out suggestions on how to explore the area, and so it would be interesting if you could expand on this a little more and explain how the area would benefit from this additional knowledge and what this means for clinical practice and outcome.
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