Reviewer's report

Title: Parents and clinicians: partners in perinatal bereavement research - experiences from the International Stillbirth Alliance Conference 2017

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Reviewer: Julie Haesebaert

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review the article on the engagement of parents in the ISA conference 2017. This article is very inspiring in the way it describes how parents were involved in the planning and running of the event. The experience that is described, notably the art focus, is innovative in scientific conferences.

However I have some remarks on the manuscript:

- I would suggest to state in the paper who is reporting on this experience, is the author the voice of a parent, a clinician or a researcher? Or a group of the 3? This is important to be described in the manuscript to understand the point of view that is adopted in the text.

- do you know how many persons attended the conference and what were the proportions between parents/clinicians/researchers?

- did any parent present in an oral presentation session or in a plenary session? What were the topics of the posters made by parents? Did they align with that of clinician/researchers? Were some parents involved in scientific committee of the conference to select abstract and plan the scientific content of the meeting?

- Could you briefly describe what the "Amulet" project is?

- How and who defined the 5 key findings?

- In the discussion section, I am not sure to find strong examples from the previous section supporting key findings 3 and 5; could you explain how you draw these 2 findings based upon what is presented before in the manuscript?

- It would be interesting to know on the impact of parents participation on the research agenda?

- Do you have any reference/examples in other fields to support art in parent/clinician involvement?

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