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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Abstract:</b> The abstract would have been better understood if structured according to the journals' format (background, aim, methods, result, conclusion).</p> <p><b>“Learners with pregnancy”:</b> You need to think about the words and phrase you use and make sure it would be easily understood or better still provide an operational definition to it. I am not sure what you mean by “learners with pregnancy”, perhaps you mean pregnant learners...It is really confusing...The phrase used can be read different meanings in several context...Is pregnancy an object or a person or a material of possession that learners can be with?</p> <p><b>Introduction/Literature Review:</b> This is a well-researched aspect of the study concluded with the identification of gaps in knowledge that the study intends to address.</p> <p><b>Methodology:</b> The sentence beginning that sentence need to be reframed (line 149-151), am aware you are trying to say something, but I cannot get something out of it.</p> <p><b>Population, Sample and Sampling Procedure:</b> There was a lot of ongoing information in this section that is not clear. You did not talk about how you arrived at your sample size of 103 and tell us why you think it is representative enough. There was no distinction between sample size for the quantitative and qualitative aspect of the study. No information about how you intend to go about the mixed method (QUAL/QUAN or QUAN/QUAL, or simultaneous data collection). You did not state if you would attempt triangulation of data collection methods. You used several sampling techniques without stating the rationale. How was the sample distributed across the regions included in the study? The only reason given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph here relates to the inclusion criteria and not the rationale. Were there any specific reasons why the participants had to be chosen purposively? Yes, you said the theoretical sampling would help your flexibility to collect data until data saturation, but you did not talk about how you know when data saturation is reached.</p> <p><b>Ethical Consideration:</b> There was no mention of any rigorous Institutional review board activities and if you got approval from the board before commencing the study. This is worrisome because most of the participants belongs to the vulnerable group of individuals. There was no mention of how informed consent was gotten, how confidentiality was maintained, potential harm to respondents which may not just be physical harm...Was there any plan or provision for handling cases of emotional outburst when interviewing parents?</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	Overall, this is a good piece of work. Well done.	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>  There was no mention of any rigorous Institutional review board activities and if you got approval from the board before commencing the study. This is worrisome because most of the participants belong to the vulnerable group of individuals. There was no mention of how informed consent was gotten, how confidentiality was maintained, potential harm to respondents which may not just be physical harm... and if participants have the right to drop out of the study...Was there any plan or provision for handling cases of emotional outburst when interviewing parents?	

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