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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Pregnancy and Childbirth**](https://journalajpcb.com/index.php/AJPCB) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJPCB\_135155** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **Lived Experiences of Herbal Remedy Use During Pregnancy: A Phenomenological Study in Sagnarigu Municipality, Ghana** |
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| PART 1: Comments | | |
|  | Reviewer’s comment **Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This study addresses a very important and underexplored aspect of maternal health research, the cultural and experiential dimensions of herbal remedy/medication use during pregnancy among the predominantly Muslim community in northern Ghana. By centering women's voices through a qualitative lived experience approach, the study provides valuable insights into the motivations, perceived benefits, and risks associated with tradomedical practices. It emphasizes the complex interplay between cultural beliefs, community norms, and formal healthcare systems, offering suggestions for developing culturally sensitive maternal care interventions. The findings contribute meaningfully to the broader scientific understanding of how traditional health practices persist and interact with medical care in low and middle-income settings, informing both public health policy and future cross-cultural research. | We appreciate the reviewer’s comment. |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | The Title needs some modification. I think it is redundant to write “Lived Experience” and “phenomenological Study” together since they both mean the same thing.  The following are my suggestions   1. Lived Experiences of Herbal Remedy Use During Pregnancy in Sagnarigu Municipality, Ghana 2. Herbal Remedy Use During Pregnancy: A Phenomenological Study in Sagnarigu Municipality, Ghana | Thank you for the helpful suggestion. We agree that using both “Lived Experience” and “Phenomenological Study” in the title is somewhat redundant. We have revised the title accordingly and adopted the suggested option: *“Lived Experiences of Herbal Remedy Use During Pregnancy in Sagnarigu Municipality, Ghana.”* |
| Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here. | The abstract is comprehensive; however, the results section of the abstract appears lengthy. I think summarizing this section of the abstract will improve the flow of the entire abstract | Reduced |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically correct | Thank you |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | Yes, the references are sufficient and mostly recent | Thank you |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes, the language quality of the article is suitable for scholarly communications | **Thank you** |
| Optional/General comments | “Despite its popularity, safety concerns persist, as some herbal remedies have been linked to adverse pregnancy outcomes including preterm labor and fetal malformations.” **Please mention a few examples of such herbal remedies** | While we acknowledge the importance of citing recent sources, there is limited up-to-date empirical evidence specific to the Ghanaian context |

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| **PART 2:** | | |
|  | **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)* |
| **Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?** | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |