

Review of: "Discussing Female Genital Mutilation by youth health care professionals in the Netherlands: aids and barriers"

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The authors have discussed a very important topic and clearly indicate how complicated FGM/C is. They have definitely attempted a thorough investigation of the topic and clearly used qualitative methodology and data analysis technique to investigate the role of the youth group in addressing concerns associated with the practice. While the study is legitimate and serious efforts have been placed in investigation techniques, it was not contextualized to attend to cultural and perhaps religious inclinations behind the practice. This is a danger when discussing FGM/C since the response to health issues associated with the practice must be interrogated within the cultural milieu of the practice. Failure to do so can easily lead to misunderstandings and misrepresentation of this very sensitive topic.