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Title of the Manuscript:	Assessment of exclusive breastfeeding practice among Palestinian mothers in the Gaza Strip: A mixed methods design
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	If this was an ethnography which is mentioned later in the paper, it should be in the abstract as the methodology. It would be good to have a section on context as many readers might not be as familiar with the culture and populations in that region. There are a lot of grammatical errors and many areas where sentences could be rephrased. You might want to have an English speaker help with that. In the discussion section, the narrative on EBF and maternal age was confusing. You found that younger mothers were more likely to EBF which is different than other studies? It would be interesting to posit why this is so...working, demands of other children..... This needs to be rewritten, I am not sure what you are saying "The findings of this study 34 revealed that no significant association was found between geographical location and EBF, whereas 35 mothers in urban areas were found to practice EBF more than others in the refugee camp or rural 36 areas."	In this study the authors used the Qualitative study to support the quantitative study, as why EBF is low in Gaza Strip, that means the authors did not focused or explained in details the qualitative study. Therefore, ethnography method is mentioned as more related method to the community based study. Was done It was done in Page 10, Line 31 Results of this study showed no significant association between EBF, but the proportion of EBF in urban area was higher than in the refugee camp or rural area.
Minor REVISION comments	Spell out Exclusive in the abstract for EBF the first time. Also, abstract needs punctuation review, need 'a' in several places "low childs order" needs to be rephrased for clarity and be more specific, instead of mothers with few children, how few? Line 5 take out "been" There are numerous grammatical and phrasing errors, it would be good to have someone help with this.	It was done It was done Page 6, line 18 Few children meaning number of children at home, and it was used continuously in the analysis, so as the number decreased, the proportion of EBF increased It was done
Optional/General comments	This is an interesting study and highlights the importance of access to accurate breastfeeding information to encourage EBF. I think the qualitative portion of the paper could be strengthened with the theme names highlighting participant words.	