**Case study 2: Advising a woman with suspected Zika virus infection**

Review comments:

1. The paper raises an issue that is relevant to developing countries with restricted access to abortion services and where women lack resources to access such services outside the country when faced with a fetal anomaly caused by congenital Zika virus infection/syndrome. It is discussed from the perspective of Latin America, particularly El Salvador that has a restrictive abortion law.
2. In the present form, the paper only raises some ethical questions, but does not offer any possible solutions, so is unlikely to influence practice.
3. While the impact of a restrictive abortion environment on the Zika virus epidemic has been raised in the past, by presenting this as ethical dilemmas arising from a clinical case, the paper raises important and relevant questions.
4. The article in its present form gives an introduction to the issue, a background of the abortion law in El Salvador, presents a clinical case and raises some ethical questions arising from it. These include important questions of conflict between recommending an act that may be illegal in the country, but is upheld by international human rights frameworks, conscientious objection etc. However, it does not present any possible solutions, or options in front of the health care provider with pros and cons of these options. It also does not present principles that may lead to the health care provider deriving possible solutions for this ethical dilemma.
5. WHO mentions in its guidelines for managing pregnancy and ZIka virus infection, harm reduction strategies for women faced with fetal abnormalities due to ZIka virus and desirous of terminating pregnancy in a restrictive abortion setting. This is not mentioned in the article and could offer a possible ethical and legal framework for addressing the questions posed.
6. Addition of a section on principles that would help answering the questions posed including possible options in front of the health care provider based on the same.

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