**Appendix:**

**The Semi-structured interview guide included the following open-ended questions and the subjects were encouraged to elaborate on each of these:**

Introduction:

* Demographic details.
* What is your reason for attending the clinic today?

Knowledge about illness and medication:

* Are you aware of a name for your illness?
* What do you understand about this illness/how does it affect you?
* How many people in your circle are aware of your diagnosis/illness/problems?
* What medications are you on/ what do you know about the benefits/side effects of

these medications/effects of medications on the foetus?

* What do your family members think about the medications you are on?

Decision making about pregnancy:

* Are you pregnant/planning pregnancy? if pregnant, was this a planned pregnancy?
* What do your family members think about you getting pregnant?
* Is there any gender preference for the baby?
* What steps have you taken /any steps to prepare yourself for motherhood?
* What are your concerns about pregnancy or your future role as a mother?
* What are your thoughts on how your illness may affect your child/ during pregnancy and/or after?
* What do you think about taking psychotropic mediations during pregnancy and while breastfeeding?

Attitude towards doctors and medical advice:

* What have the doctors told you about your illness and medications?
* What advice were you given in the clinic today regarding your pregnancy and psychiatric condition?
* What do you think about medical advice?
* How do you plan to follow it?