Reviewer's report

Title: A statewide review of postnatal care in private hospitals in Victoria, Australia

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Reviewer: Tracy Humphrey

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Minor Essential Revisions
1. The authors have not acknowledged the limitations of this study. Firstly, they claim to provide a comprehensive picture of the organisation and provision of postnatal care in Victoria, but this is only from a service and service providers perspective (omits a service users perspective). Also, health services and clinical practice may have changed since the data collection period (2004 for the public data and 2006 for the private data).

2. Page 18 claims that "women in the private sector are more satisfied with postnatal care..." The authors cannot make such a statement as the evidence is not that convincing. What would be more accurate is to say that, "based on the evidence available, women in the private sector would appear to be more satisfied..."

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'