Reviewer's report

Title: Trends in postpartum hemorrhage from 2000 to 2009: A population-based study

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This paper presents an interesting analysis of trends in postpartum haemorrhage in British Columbia, adding further to the evidence of an increasing incidence of PPH in Canada. I have only a few suggested changes.

Major compulsory revisions

1. It is very difficult to judge the validity of the results without further details about the registry e.g. its purpose, who codes the data, and particularly whether any other studies have been undertaken giving evidence of case validation – whether for this condition or others.

2. Details of the change in the definition of PPH in 2006 should be included in the methods section so that the reader can interpret the results with this prior knowledge.

3. Could the authors indicate whether they considered any statistical adjustment to account for the multiple comparisons e.g. a Bonferroni correction?

Minor discretionary revisions

1. Could the authors describe why they chose the cut-offs of 4days and 7days for length of stay (methods p3)?

2. I am not convinced that tables 3 and 4 add to the overall message of the manuscript and they could be omitted.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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