Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical decision-making: midwifery students' recognition of, and response to, post partum haemorrhage in the simulation environment.

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Thank you inviting me to re-review this interesting paper. I am satisfied that the authors have addressed the issues previously raised. In discussing the decision making process used by the students I would suggest that they consider dual processing (two-systems) theory as this is what is suggested to me in the way that students were making their decisions i.e using rational approaches but reverting to intuitive judgements when under pressure. I don’t think that the midwives standpoint of birth as a physiological process is really a decision making model however I agree that it will affect their decision making.

I feel that the paper does require some further proof-reading as there are some typos and other minor issues - for example a reference is missing from the text on page 30 (Porter) the use of Dr instead of doctor and reliance on frequent use of “of note.”

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.