Reviewer's report

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Re: 'Father for the first time - development and validation of a questionnaire to assess fathers' experiences of childbirth. (FTFQ)'

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1. The research question posed is original, important and well defined
The purpose of this study is easily identifiable and understood. The study is original as a new instrument is developed and will be useful in further research in the field. The instrument is developed from solid previous research by the authors.
Page 3, line 3. Please explain (FTFQ).

2. The data are sound and well described
Page 6 line 7, SSPS should be SPSS. The results are well described.

3. The interpretation (discussion and conclusion) are well balanced and supported by the data. The interpretation includes the relevance of the results in an objective manner.
The interpretations are overly positive.
Conclusions drawn from the study are valid and the result emanate directly from the data shown, with reference to other relevant work as applicable. The authors have provided references wherever necessary.

4. The methods are appropriate and well described, and sufficient details are provided to allow others to evaluate and/or replicate the work.
The methods used are relevant and appropriate for the purpose. They are also clearly described and reproducible by peers in the field.
Suitable statistical analyses have been carried out.

5. The strengths and weaknesses of the methods have been discussed

6. Tables and figures can be improved.
The manuscript is well written and organized. Table 1, please add number of missing. Table 3, please check Emotional support – Item discriminant validity 6/60
7. Title and abstract are relevant to the content

Best wishes

Anna-Karin Dykes

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests' below