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An interesting paper, however further work is necessary before publication.

Your abstract needs rewriting regarding the following:

Methods
Please describe in brief your study design, development of the instrument, sample recruitment, method of data collection, statistical analysis

Results
In the first paragraph please erase Component 1 reflects, Component 2 reflects, Component 3 reflects and instead put a), b), c).

Provide information from the statistical tests used. Provide information regarding Construct Validity, Internal Consistency and Comparative Validity of the instrument (referred in line 114).

Regarding other subchapters of the manuscript
Please write clearly and in a separate paragraph the aim of your study and put it after Background and before Methods

Development of the instrument
Lines 135, 136: you report…Two interviews were conducted …. and one by telephone. Why you conducted the interviews in different ways. Please give information about that.

Line 152 ..178 women who agreed… at this point write after receiving information about… from the midwife….ect

Results
I didn’t find the Comparative Validity of the instrument (referred in line 114).
Discussion
You have to discuss your findings from testing the Construct Validity, Internal Consistency and Comparative Validity of the instrument.

English need to be revised.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

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