Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Reliability tests and validation tests of the Client Satisfaction Questionnaire (CSQ-8) as an index of satisfaction with childbirth-related care among Filipino women

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**Reviewer:** Bin Xie

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Another main concern is the hypothesis “Mothers whose last two babies had been delivered at hospitals have higher CSQ-8 scores regarding their 2nd-to-last baby’s delivery, compared with mothers whose 2nd-to-last baby had been delivered at home but whose last baby had been delivered in a hospital (assuming that all deliveries were without complications).” and the way the authors tested it.

To begin with, this hypothesis provided little value to healthcare providers or policy makers. Then, the authors assumed that all deliveries were without complications, but did not offer any justification for making such assumption. This is a big assumption that is unlikely to be true for all participants. Finally, the authors did not acknowledge the inherent limitations for using such as self-selected sample (those who chose to use the hospital for current delivery) to test the hypothesis.

Relatively minor concerns:

2. There is no justification for the sample size; how did the authors choose the sample size?

3. There is no information on response rate; how many women did they approach, and how many agreed to participate?

4. There is no information on inclusion/exclusion criteria; is being multigravid the only criterion?

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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