Reviewer's report

Title: Internet information on birth options after caesarean compared to the RCOG patient information leaflet; A web survey

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1 I found this a fascinating, novel and well-written. It addresses an area of the "unknown" concerning the information which our patients either bring to the consultation or gain outside of it.

2 Other than "proof-reading" I would not expect any changes.

3 I do though think that the authors need to acknowledge the fact that this is a rapidly evolving field. The searches were run in March 2012. The references though are rather more up-to-date. The researchers certainly failed to find (as it was only published after March 2012) - http://sdm.rightcare.nhs.uk/pda/birth-options-after-previous-caesarean/ - a site which I feel would have scored well. I do also acknowledge that (for reasons I can't fathom) this site is not easy to find and may not have turned up even if they re-ran their search sting in 2014!

4 Similarly the NICE CG132 Guideline which is a reference to the paper was only published in November 2012, accordingly the Patient Information from that Guideline would have been missed, albeit the previous version CG13 was then available.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

RCOG, Clinical Guidelines Committee (since 2009; vice-chair 2011-2014)
Chair NICE Guideline Development Group for Caesarean Section (2010-2012)
Chair NICE Quality Standard Topic Expert Group for Caesarean Section (2012-2013)
Chair NICE Evidence Update for CG132 (Caesarean Section) (2012-2013)