Reviewer's report

Title: Reduction of late stillbirth with the introduction of fetal movement information and guidelines - A clinical quality improvement

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This article is of both research and clinical importance. Stillbirth continues to occur despite prenatal care and use of technology. Decreased fetal movement detection is accessible to all mothers and thus is a no-cost assessment. This study provides evidence that, compared with women without instruction, fetal movement counts identified reduced movement and significantly reduced the number of stillbirths. This study will nicely contribute to this field of study.

Minor essential revisions:
1) p. 5 In the US there is also a 1-hour count approach; this should be included in the list of counting methods.
2) p.5, 3rd paragraph, Refer to the large cluster multi-centered RCT, reference 31, as Grant, Valentin, Elbourne & Alexander for clarity. the following sentence states: "Being the most referred and influential publication"

Discretionary Revisions
1) p. 11 it is mentioned that "several thumb rules to recognize DFM" were given to mothers. Could those be included in a table in this article? That would add to one's understanding of what women were given.

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.