Reviewer's report

Title: Concepts on Quality of Antenatal Care in Developing Countries: Results of an Evaluation in Argentina, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Thailand.

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I have read the rewritten manuscript and still find this paper to be too long, too rambling, and too unfocused to enable readers to really understand its message. In order for this manuscript to be published the authors need to provide brief summaries of the results presented in Tables 2 and 3, emphasizing the differences between the countries and then move quickly into the results in Table 4 which should be the main emphasis of the paper. In addition, the authors still do not address the issue that the class differences between the women at the four sites are confounded with the cultural differences. The point is not the homogeneity within each country but the fact that the cultural differences they are reporting on may be class, not cultural differences; they need to at least discuss the confounding of culture with class given that across the various countries the women are from different class backgrounds (e.g., in Cuba women were working in urban areas, Argentinian women were housewives, Saudi women were married to professionals and technicians), not just from different cultures. In addition, the authors do need to provide the average sample size in the focus groups in each country, and to indicate what percent of the women in each country experienced the new protocol. It would also be very useful to have a table which shows the number of visits in each nation's standard protocol versus the new protocol as the reader can only infer what the standard protocol is in each
nation from the authors presentation of results. The link to the literature in the discussion section is still weak; there is a substantial literature on what women expect from prenatal care and this should be referred to.

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