Reviewer's report

Title: Effects of work related factors on breastfeeding behavior of working mothers in Taiwan's Semiconductor Manufacturer: A retrospective study

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General

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

I believe that that major reason that awareness of benefits correlates with breastfeeding is likely to be reverse causative. That is, women who breastfeed are more likely to find out about and pay attention to what benefits are available. The authors need to acknowledge this possibility in the conclusions and if they do NOT think it is a likely explanation for their findings, explain why.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Sentence 1 of Para 2 of Background should refer to WHO, not AAP recommendations. Sentence 2 should refer to ILO recommendations (Maternity Protection Convention 183 and Recommendation 195). The last sentence does not make sense.

At the beginning of para 2 in Research setting and subjects, what do the authors mean that office workers can "control" their hours? In the penultimate sentence, are they referring to monthly salary?

In the analysis section (still in results), surely it is "awareness" rather than "perception" of policies they mean.

In Discussion para 1, what is their evidence that improving a workplace is either achievable or effective? The same amount of effort required to just influence a few companies might, if effectively used in advocacy with government policy makers, be enough to get a long maternity leave for all workers!

The English is very good. Fabrication should be translated as "manufacturing" or "factory." A few other minor edits are needed.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'