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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Reviewer: Marie Tarrant

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General

I found this study to be well written and informative. The results highlight a key problem for working mothers who desire to continue breastfeeding after returning to work. This study adds to the small body of knowledge that has investigated work environments and actual work related factors that affect breastfeeding continuation. The findings are particularly relevant for Asian countries where maternity leaves are short and most women return to work in the immediate post-partum period to full-times jobs where they have little direct control over their work environment.

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

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

1. The reference list contains some errors in the formatting and structure of both the authors’ names and the journal title.
   a. Reference 4 and 7 seems to have errors in the authors’ names. This usually happens when using corporate or organizational names in reference management software programs.
   b. Most journal titles are identified using the full journal name format but reference 13, 15, and 17 use the abbreviated journal format.
   c. In most references, the first author is identified by the surname and then the initial, but second and subsequent authors are identified by the initials followed by the surname.
2. On page three, the word “countries” (paragraph 3, line 6) should be written in the possessive form.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

While I would identify these revisions as discretionary, I would recommend that the authors attend to them prior to publication.

1. In the background section the authors state that the aim of the study was to remove barriers to achievement of WHO recommendations. However, in the background section and in the rest of the paper, there is no mention of what these guidelines are. The authors mention AAP guidelines but not WHO guidelines. Clarification of WHO guidelines with appropriate references is recommended.
2. In the data collection section, further information on the exact content of the questionnaires would help the reader understand the measurement process better. For example, how was the independent variable of “employee knowledge of breastfeeding policies” measured? Examples of
types of questions asked and how they were measured (e.g., yes/no, Likert scale, etc.) would further clarify the measurement of the study variables.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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