Reviewer’s report

Title: Health and working conditions of pregnant women working inside and outside the home in Mexico City

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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)
1) Need to quantify the work undertaken by the women listed as micro-ergonomic (low average and high) into categories with examples. Perhaps by calculating kilocalories expended each day or some other quantifiable method so that the reader can understand the work load of these women. Examples of what type of work or activity each particular subgroup undertakes to be classified in that group would also be helpful.
2) Were any other antenatal complications evaluated in this analysis except for genitourinary and musculoskeletal complaints evaluated?
3) What were the influences of parity, being a single mother, smoking on the amount or type of work undertaken by these women?
4) Is the health care that is accessible to these women similar or is it dependent on their level of income and if they are working inside or outside of the home?
5) The question that the reader of this study wants to know is if one group of women have a higher workload does that have any influence on pregnancy outcomes other than an increase in musculoskeletal complaints and genitourinary complaints?

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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)
In the abstract in the results section, "Three hundred forty one (66.5%) and in the same sentence one hundred ninety six (53.5%) if the percentages are added together they are > 100%

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.
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