Reviewer's report

Title: The facilitating factors and barriers encountered in the adoption of a humanized birth care approach in a highly specialized university affiliated hospital

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There are bi major compulsory revisions

Minor essential revisions:
pg 2 the authors speak about family doctors and obstetricians who provide antenatal care. It should be "obstetricians and family physicians who provide ONLY antenatal care..."

pg 4 If 40% are high risk then 60% are not high risk, making my earlier point that the hospital serves a community function as well as its high risk function. Hence the authors should not be speaking of "other" women who are not high risk but of the majority of women who are not high risk.

Pg 15 term Valorization does not translate. I think the authors mean validity or value of, meaning that the hospital values both humanization and its high risk role

pg 23 authors speak of the administrator as being excited about. I think the authors mean that they were proud about the possibility of reconciling the two approaches in one institution

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I declare that I have no competing interests