Reviewer's report

Title: Reproductive health history, knowledge, and needs: A community survey of low-income women in Beijing, China

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Discretionary Revisions

There is a lack of data on and hence comparison with the middle income and high income urban women in the same district. This is a limitation of the study. The authors should explain why such data were not collected.

Minor Essential Revisions

1) Methods: page 6, paragraph 2, the authors should make it clear that 330 Yuan or $42 U.S is monthly income.

2) Methods: page 6, paragraph 6, it is not clear to me why the authors stated that the “data analyses for this report study were exempted from full review by Duke University Medical Center’s Institutional Review Board”, instead of saying that the study including the data collection was approved by the human research ethics committee.

3) Page 7, the bottom paragraph, sentence 2 under Questionnaire: the phrase "China’s conservative culture" seems judgemental and even in some Western countries unmarried women are not necessarily open about pregnancy, abortion, delivery and contraception. These are very personal and private issues.

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

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.