Reviewer’s report

Title: Use of alternative and complementary therapies in labour and delivery care, a cross-sectional study of midwives' training in Catalan hospitals accredited as centres for normal birth.

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Reviewer: Hannah Dahlen

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Major Compulsory

You interchange the use of CAM and CAT so it is very confusing. For example on page 3

Healthcare professionals, including doctors and nurses, are increasingly likely to prescribe alternative and complementary therapies (CAT), despite the differences in regulations and funding among countries (13-15). At the National Conference on Nursing and Medical Education, it was recommended that CAM training should be included in schools for healthcare professionals (16)

You are still using a comma instead of a fullstop in the percentages given. For example:

Midwives trained in CAT considered that the following therapies were quite or very useful for pain relief during labour and delivery: relaxation techniques (64.3%), hydrotherapy (84.8%) and the application of compresses to the perineum (75.9%).

Page 2 Abstract: the conclusion in the Abstract does not make sense. It should be nursing and midwifery programs not nurse and midwifery programs and the final sense is confusing and I don’t know what you mean

Page 3 second line down allopathic medicine professionals does not make sense it should be medical professionals.

You don’t need a heading Objectives after the aim is written as the last part of the background. You can add the objectives after the aim or write into the methods

You have still not answered my query as to how the hours are worked out. This is not clear and at best I can imagine a guess. I can’t find this adequately addressed in the paper. For example do midwives have log books that record all their hours of training?

A good edit of the paper is needed.
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, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of interest