Reviewer's report

Title: Medical students' personal choice for mode of delivery in Santa Catarina, Brazil: a cross-sectional quantitative study.

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Major Compulsory Revisions
1- Usually any article is organized in this order:
   a- Introduction or Background
   b- Methods
   c- Results
   d- Discussion
   e- References
   f- annexes
   and the tables or figures are at the end when it is a submission

In this paper, the methods section comes at the end, so one only reads it after the results and discussion. So the order of sections should be reorganized.

Minor Essential Revisions
1- In the 7th paragraph of the Methods Section is stated that: "The Enter Method was used". This denomination is used only in SPSS and will be understood only by those familiar with this statistical method. Usually, for Logistic Regression, the options are stepwise regression or backward elimination and it seems the one adopted would be backward elimination - even if no variable was eliminated from the model.

2- Table 1 describes the sample and the totals differ for each variable. A note should explain this differences - and this is applicable also for table two

Discretionary revisions
1- The authors use in different places "principally". Maybe they could use also "mainly", a more usual word.

2- In the 4th paragraph of Results is stated: This approach can be used to eliminate any possible effect of the variables... My suggestion is: Given the magnitude of the prevalence of the outcome, this approach can be used...

3- In table 3, the title of two columns adopt "Gross OR" and "Gross 95%CI". Usually the word used for such information is "Raw"

4- My suggestion for the notes below table 3 are ":*Odds ration by univariate
logistic regression" and "Odds ratio by multiple binary logistic regression
5- My suggestion for the note below table 5 is: "The total number of answers do not match because a few students declined to answer some of the questions.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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.